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Police Raid Congress Headquarters

SEVEN HOURS' SEARCH OF SWARAJ BHAVAN

Party Of Sub-Inspectors Scrutinise All Files And Registers

ALLAHABAD, April 17.

A police party appeared at the Swaraj Bhawan this afternoon and searched the A.I.C.C. Office.

The police party of several Sub-Inspectors, headed by Mr. T. D. Sharma, went through almost all the files and registers in the A.I.C.C. Office.

The search lasted just over seven hours. The police took away with them a large number of files, pamphlets, a Hindi typewriter, a large size map of India and some books. No arrests were lade.

It may be recalled that a major portion of the A.I.C.C. was removed to Wardha camp a few months ago. Some files and library still remains in Swaraj Bhawan.

ON FOOT TO DELHI

First Satyagrahi To Reach Imperial Capital

NEW DELHI, April 17.

The first Satyagrahi to arrive in Delhi on foot in accordance with the instructions of Mahatma Gandhi, that unarrested Satyagrahis should proceed to Delhi, is Dr. P. A. Muthu of village Ketandapatti in North Arcot district (Madras Presidency).

Dr. Muthu offered Satyagraha in his village on March 19, and as he was not arrested, he proceeded towards Delhi on foot and reached here to-day after covering a distance of 1,523 miles in 28 days.

Dr. Muthu to-day wired to Gandhiji seeking his advice about his own future programme.—United Press.

SIND DEPUTATION TO WARDHA

KARACHI, April 17.

Permission has been refused to the Sind Congress Deputation to interview Maulana Azad in the Naini prison by the United Provinces Government.

In a reply to the telegram seeking permission the U. P. Government has informed Mr. Parsram Tahilramani, Secretary of the S. P. C. C. regretting its inability to grant an interview for the purpose.

The Deputation, therefore, will now proceed directly to Wardha on April 20 to explain personally to Mahatma Gandhi the present peaceful situation in the province and to request him to lift the ban against Sind Congressmen participating in the Satyagraha. —A. P.

ATTACHMENT OF BOSE'S HOUSE

CALCUTTA, April 17.

An order attaching one-fourth share of the house 38/2 on Elgin Road, the residence of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose and his brothers, was hung up this morning on the premises.

It is understood that further steps for the execution of the order will be taken soon.—United Press.

(Satyagraha News on Page 9).

STOP PRESS

MOVEMENT OF FR. SUBMARINES

GIBRALTAR, April 17.

Eye witnesses report that three French submarines and one destroyer headed westward through the Straits yesterday, presumably bound for Casablanca.

AIR RAID ON MALTA

MALTA.—Enemy aircraft were thrice over the Island in the last 24 hours, and a Junkers making reconnaissance in the afternoon at a great height was engaged by anti-aircraft defences. There was nothing further to report.—Reuter.

Nazis Held Back In Macedonia

His Own Medicine
—*"The Argus" Melbourne*

Life And Death Struggle Rages From Olympus To Ionian Sea

GREEKS TO EVACUATE ALBANIA

R. A. F. Continues To Deliver Deadly Blows Against Advancing Enemy

ATHENS, April 17.

Beyond the fact that a bitter struggle is raging in the region just north of Kalabaka there is no fresh news regarding fighting in northern Greece.

The Greek 'Communique' last night stated that the Germans were advancing upon Kalabaka.

German pressure is increasing all along the British front in Greece, states a British War Office Communique.

Anglo-Greek Line Intact

LATEST REPORTS FROM THE MACEDONIAN FRONT STATE THAT THE ANGLO-GREEK LINE, ALTHOUGH UNDER PRESSURE, REMAINS INTACT.

HARD FIGHTING IS TAKING PLACE ROUND SERVIA (GRFECE) WHERE THE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS ARE GIVING THE GERMANS A HAMMERING.

ONE BRITISH ARMOURED UNIT BROUGHT DOWN FIVE GERMAN PLANES WITH TWIN GUNS.

LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE

The battle is now engaged on the Greek Front and Italo-German and Greeco-British forces are locked together in a life and death struggle over a line which extends from Mount Olympus to the Albanian Hills on the Ionian Sea, writes "Reuter's" Special Correspondent.

He says: Much of this area is impenetrable for military operations and it is a fact that the offensive has to follow certain roads and valleys that gives the defence an opportunity of making the best use of limited resources. The weight of the German attack in tanks and motorised equipment is practically unlimited, but they have soldiers who are already veterans of the war against them and the odds are not so desperate as figures would seem to show.

As for actual fighting, there is no official news on which to base any comment.

R.A.F. DEALS DEADLY BLOWS.

Increasing attacks on enemy supply columns in Greece were carried out by the R.A.F. on Wednesday and the previous night, states a Cairo 'communique'. Much damage was caused. Kozani—Bitolj—Ptolemais was the main area of the attack.

The railway near Korinos, motor transport near Kitros and a station south-east of Katarimi were successfully bombed. Fires were started at a series of aerodromes and a convoy east of Salonika was heavily raided.

A large formation of enemy aircraft which attacked shipping in Khalkis harbour on Wednesday was engaged by fighters which shot down one Junkers twin-engined divebomber, while ano-

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HAS ANGLO-GREEK LINE BEEN PIERCED?

LONDON, April 17.

There is no confirmation from the Greek or British Commands in Greece of the rumour derived from German sources that the Allied line has been broken in Mount Olympus sector and that the Plain of Larissa in consequence has been laid open to German advance, says British War Office communique.

Heavy fighting is however taking place in more than one sector of Allied line, adds the communique.

Gestapo At Shanghai

SHANGHAI, April 17.

A number of German youths mostly members of the Gestapo arrived at Shanghai recently to conduct political activities, according to the Chinese newspaper "Cheng Yien Pao." The newcomers supervised the recent Japanese parachute exercises over the northern suburbs of Shanghai. Well-informed foreign circles agree that the parachutists are not for service in China but elsewhere, possibly in the south-seas regions, adds the newspaper.

WASHINGTON:— Mr. Mackenzie King had a 45 minutes' talk with Mr. Cordell Hull to-day.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAVS FOR GREECE

Greek Army To Evacuate Albania: German Push Brings New Menace

NEW YORK, April 17.

The "New York Times" publishes a report from Athens that the British are evacuating Jugoslav troops by sea from the Dalmatian coast to be taken to Greece.

RESISTANCE CONTINUES

LONDON:— The situation in northern Yugoslavia is still obscure. A German report says that Yugoslavia continues to resist although it is split up and no longer under one command. Yugoslav civilians are fighting alongside the troops who are conducting guerilla warfare.

GREEKS TO EVACUATE ALBANIA

CAIRO:— The Greek army may have to evacuate Albania where the situation is described as "serious" according to well-informed quarters here.

Considerable German forces which have been free from action in Yugoslavia have succeeded in pushing back the Greeks who were in a position to protect the retreat of Greek forces from Albanian sector, it is stated. This may have repercussions on British and Imperial troops in Greece.

Well-informed quarters in Cairo do not pretend to minimise the gravity of the Greek situation.

SUPPLIES FOR MIDDLE EAST

American Fast Cargo Ships To Aid Of Britain

NEW YORK, April 17.

The Maritime Commission has taken what is regarded as the first step to utilise numerous fast American cargo ships in the Aid to Britain programme, states the "Journal of Commerce."

The liner "Exemplar" has been requisitioned. This, it is believed, indicates that a number of new fast vessels built with Maritime Commission aid will be transferred to Britain under the Lease and Lend Bill.

The "Journal" added that the liner "Robin Doncaster" had recently been delivered and many other fast vessels now in Atlantic ports would be taken over within a few days.

This is thought to be a move to provide a fleet for taking supplie to the Red Sea area.—Reuter.

DUTCH MOVE TO OVERCOME SHIPPING SHORTAGE

LONDON.—A move to overcome shipping shortage has been taken by the Dutch colonies. Shipments from the Netherlands East Indies to New York which used to mak a long voyage through the Panama Canal will in future be directed to San Francisco, announced the Batavia radio. The goods would then be sent overland and a considerable saving of shipping time will be effected.—Reuter.

FREEZING OF U. S. STEEL PRICES

NEW YORK, April 17.

An order freezing steel prices at the level that prevailed in the first quarter has been issued by Mr. Leon Henderson, American Price Administrator.—Reuter.

Canada's Request Under Lease And Lend Bill

NEW YORK, April 17.

According to a Washington despatch to the "New York Times" Mr. Mackenzie King is seeking a loan or some form of a stabilisation agreement, as Canada is expected to outrun her dollar exchange in from four to six months. Canada desires this aid under the Lease and Lend Bill. Reuter.

JINNAH'S REJOINDER TO RAJEN BABU

MADRAS, April 17.

The assertion that the principle of partitioning India should be accepted first and then only will come the question of details, is made by Mr. M. A. Jinnah in a statement to the Press in reply to Babu Rajendra Prasad.

Mr. Jinnah says:

"My attention has been drawn to the statement issued by Babu Rajendra Prasad from Patna on the 16th of April. I gather that he is not opposed to the basic principles of the scheme of partition of India but that he wants full details of the scheme and then alone the Working Committee of the Congress will be pleased to discuss it. Will it not be more logical course that the Congress should first make up their mind and accept the basic principles laid down in the Lahore Resolution of the All-India Muslim League, popularly known as Pakistan?

PRINCIPLE OF PARTITIONING

Babu Rajendra Prasad with his judicial mind ought to know that first principle of partitioning India must be agreed upon, then alone comes the question of what ways and means should be adopted to give effect to that decision. The question of details will arise then, and with goodwill, understanding and statesmanship, we shall, let us hope, settle them among ourselves.

Where there is a will there is a way.

Has Babu Rajendra Prasad known any example where the details have been discussed before, without the principle having been accepted? Even in the case of partition of joint families with which Babu Rajendra Prasad is so familiar there is either an agreement or a decree and then comes the question how best and equitably to divide the property.

IRISH EXAMPLE

The latest example in history is that of Ireland. The constitution of North and South of Ireland was finally agreed upon after the principles and the basis of division was settled. So was the case with Burma. Similarly decision to separate Sind was taken first and then the details of scheme were considered and given effect to."

Proceeding Mr. Jinnah says:—

"Let the Congress drop their pistol of non-co-operation and civil disobedience and come into the arena of peaceful settlement and negotiate on the basis of Pakistan proposal and they would have rendered the greatest service to the Hindus, Mussalmans, other interests and minorities inhabiting this great sub-continent.

"CONTRADICTION IN TERMS"

The rest of his statement makes me feel that he is still out trying to turn and twist things. The less we talk about the attitude and the position that the Congress has taken up for the last three or four years the better. His own statement is really a contradiction in terms. He himself admits and says, that during the conversations which had taken place during the last three or four years between me and the representatives of the Congress, the two parties could never progress beyond the preliminary stage of settling their respective status, no concrete proposals for a settlement of the communal question had arisen. Then why say I was elusive?

The two specific occasions were first when Mr. Subhas Bose, the then President of the Congress, and Mr. Gandhi met me in Bombay. The position taken up by the Congress was an impossible one. It was embodied in the letter addressed to me by Mr. Subhas Bose dated the 2nd of October, 1938, that "the League does not expect the Congress, either implicitly or explicitly, to acknowledge its status as the authoritative Muslim organisation of India. If this view is accepted by the League I am authorised" says Mr. Bose, "to state that the Working Committee will confer with the Committee that may be appointed by the League."

On the next occasion when Babu Rajendra Prasad, the then President of the Congress, and Mr. Gandhi met me in Delhi in November 1939, they laid down that the League should support the resolution of the Working Committee of the Congress, confirmed by the All-India Congress Committee, of the 10th of October 1939, demanding immediate

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NAZI ATTACK ON TOBRUK REPULSED

ENEMY SUFFERS HEAVY CASUALTIES: BR. PATROLS' RIGOROUS ACTIVITY IN SOLLUM AREA

LONDON, April 17.

In Libya, a further attack on the defences of Tobruk was repulsed by artillery fire and the enemy again suffered heavy casualties, says a War Office 'communique'. One of the British patrols successfully penerated an enemy position outside the defences of Tobruk, capturing seven Italian officers and 139 other ranks.

BRITISH PROGRESS IN ABYSSINIA

During Wednesday's operations, a total of 25 officers and 767 other ranks were captured. In addition, over 200 enemy dead were left on the field. In the Sollum area, British patrols have continued their rigorous activity. In one encounter, a considerable body of the enemy was surprised and sustained severe casualties.

In Abyssinia, further progress has been made by British columns converging on Dessie. Prisoners of war returned to Addis Ababa now number over 5,000 Italians and 4,000 colonial troops. In Alge Alge area, a number of men have deserted from Italian colonial units and have voluntarily formed themselves into irregular bands to cooperate with British forces whose advance is continuing.

R. A. F. RAID ON DESSIE AERODROME

Punishing attacks, it is officially announced in Cairo, were maintained by R. A. F. bombers and fighters on enemy mechanised units and troops and landing grounds in Cyrenaica on Wednesday and the previous night.

A motorised column near Fort Capuzzo was attacked and a number of vehicles destroyed. Casualties were caused among troops.

The landing grounds subjected to night attacks were Gazala, Eladem and Derna where one aircraft was destroyed by a direct hit Convoys were bombed and subsequently machine-gunned in the same area. Fighters maintained continuous offensive patrols.

In Abyssinia R. A. F. bombers raided Dessie aerodrome on Wednesday and the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned enemy troops and encampments in the Madara and Algh area.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN

Enemy aircraft raided the aerodrome at Herakli on (Tuesday) but negligible damage resulted and one aircraft was sho down, the pilot being captured.

NAVAL BOMBARDMENT OF FORT CAPUZZO

Further naval co-operation wit the British forces on the North African coast is recorded in an Admiralty "communique".

It states that an extremely successful naval bombardment o Fort Capuzzo was carried out. A large number of Salvoes were fired and all were seen to burst among a concentration of about 100 enemy tanks and motor transport vehicles.

The aerodrome at Aljizita and its supply dumps were again successfully bombarded from the sea. British naval units in the Mediterranean recently shot down at least two German dive bombers and damaged others. No damage was sustained by British warships in these operations —Reuter.

LUCKNOW, April 17.

Acharya J. B. Kripalani, General Secretary of the Congress, is here on a short visit. He met Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani in jail yesterday. Acharya Kripalani will leave for Fyzabad to-morrow morning from where he will return to Allahabad.—A. P.

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Dated this 17th day of April, 1941.

S. S. RANGNEKAR,
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NATHDWARA DISPUTE

Bombay Vaishnawas Appoint Committee Of Inquiry

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A mammoth meeting of the Bombay Vaishnavas was held yesterday night under the presidentship of Maharaj Gokulnathji, when resolutions were passed condemning the attitude of Udaipur State in the matter of the great Vaishnava Temple Shri Nathdwara in Udaipur territories.

The meeting appointed an Inquiry Committee consisting of, (1) Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta, Ex-Finance Minister of Bombay, President, (2) Mr. Indravadan Mehta, Ex-Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, (3) Mr. V. N. Shah, the Vaishnava Lawyer and worker, to inquire into the allegations of high-handedness of Udaipur State against Shri Nathdwara Maharaj, etc.

Rs. 5,000 was subscribed on the spot to the Fund to meet the expenses of the Committee. The meeting further resolved to convene a special meeting of the All-India Vaishnava Conference to consider the situation. 20th April was resolved to be observed as an All-India Vaishnavas day, when silent processions as protest against Udaipur will be taken out all over India.

DECLINE IN CUSTOMS & EXCISE REVENUES

A Statistical Study Of Two Years' Returns

CALCUTTA, April 16.

According to returns received in the department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, the total gross Indian Sea Customs Revenue, including land customs but excluding salt revenue, collected in British India during the month of March 1941, amounted to Rs. 3,46 lakhs as compared with Rs. 3,27 lakhs in February, 1941, and Rs. 3,90 lakhs in March, 1940.

The total gross Central Excise duties on motor spirit, kerosene, sugar, matches, etc., amounted to Rs. 98 lakhs in March, 1941, as compared with Rs. 1,60 lakhs in February, 1941, and Rs. 1,26 lakhs in March, 1940.

The grand total of gross Customs and Central Excise revenues realised in 12 months ended March 1941, was Rs. 50,70 lakhs as compared with Rs. 57,22 lakhs during the same period last year. Of this amount, import duties accounted for Rs. 37,57 lakhs, export duties for Rs. 3,36 lakhs, land Customs and miscellaneous for Rs. 44 lakhs and central excise duties for Rs. 9,32 lakhs.

Comparing the figures for the year ending March 1941, with those for the preceding year, there were decreases under import duties on sugar, silver bullion, coin, sheets, plates and other manufactures, cotton fabrics, kerosene oil, motor vehicles, machinery, motor spirit, liquors, pneumatic rubber tyres and tubes, cotton yarn and thread, wheat and wheat flour, spices, toys, games and sports goods, broken rice, paper and stationery, tin (block), cinematograph films, tea, wireless reception instruments and apparatus, boots and shoes, electric lighting bulbs, railway plants and rolling stock, wood pulp, silverwire, thread and other manufactures and silk fabrics, the export duties on raw and manufactured jute, and land customs receipts.

On the other hand, import duties on artificial silk fabrics, raw cotton, artificial silk yarn and thread, coaltar dyes, iron and steel, metals other than iron and steel, etc., matches, match splints and veneers, tobacco, silk yarn and thread and batching, fuel and lubricating oils, and the excise duties on sugar, motor spirit, kerosene, steel ingots and matches showed increases.—A. P.

Middle And Working Class Tenants Suffer Terrible Hardships

Complaint Against Water Scarcity In City

There seems to be a sudden water crisis in the city. In certain localities, chiefly, the Fort area, there is an acute scarcity of water.

This dearth of pipe-water is attributed to stringent control of supply by the authorities.

There is a talk in the town that the men in charge of the city's water supply have in view some sort of a water rationing scheme. Whether there is any basis of veracity in this rumour or not, it is obvious that something is happening somewhere as a result of which middle-class and working-class tenants suffer from serious shortage of water.

In some buildings it is very difficult to obtain water for a bath or for washing purposes at all. Terrible is the plight of people living in the upper storeys Queues of men and women file up before the taps on the ground floors with buckets and pitchers to fetch water for the day's cooking. Baths and washing are completely out of the question for those living on the third and higher floors of some buildings.

It is wondered now and why there is so much scarcity of water, especially, in premises occupied by people of small means.

In most of the modern luxury flats there is hardly any trouble about water. There the taps and showers run for all the twenty-four hours of the day and night. But in places where working class people live taps work for a few hours in the morning and then cease abruptly. In the evenings, there is just a little flow which stops before it is even nine o'clock.

People are heard to shout at 'Mehtas' and rent collectors, telling them of their varied experiences during the last few days and nights.

MAINSTAY OF SOCIETY

Kshatriyas And Their Traditions: Coochbehar's Appeal

NAGPUR, April 16.

"The Kshatriyas must unite, not only in conferences but for far greater tasks before them, namely the restoration of the honour, prestige and traditions of the race, and for the rehabilitation of the brilliant glory of their heritage and history", said His Highness the Maharajah of Coochbehar, presiding over the Rajput Maratha Social Conference held here.

Kshatriyas were a widespread community, he said, and in the glorious past had occupied a place of honour in the arts of war and peace. They had produced philosophers and poets of the highest order as well as warriors and defenders of unrivalled merit. By the peace and security maintained by them religion the arts and trade had thrived bringing prosperity and glory to the country which became the envy of the world's avaricious nations.

From the earliest times, Kshatriyas were the mainstay of the society, continued His Highness, and the proposition still stood true with all its implications and modern variations. In human affairs, the defence capacity of a country was still the final arbiter of events. The saying that "trade follows the flag" had also the same implication. Not only trade, but prosperity, art and culture, civilisation itself follow it. The task of the Kshatriyas, therefore, was to keep the flag flying and the rest would follow.—A. P.

Nizam's Gift To Royal Navy

HYDERABAD (Dn.), April 16.

His Excellency the Viceroy has communicated the following message to His Exalted Highness the Nizam:—

"Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty are much gratified to learn of the generous offer of Rs. 20,00,000 made by Your Exalted Highness for provision of a corvette. The vessel bearing the honoured name of Hyderabad will be added forthwith to the Royal Navy and will doubtless play a gallant part in combating the menace of our enemy submarines."—United Press.

THUNDER-STORMS AND RAINFALL

POONA: April 17.

Thunder-showers have been widespread in Assam and local in North and Southeast Bengal. A few thunder-storms are also reported from Orissa, Mysore and Hyderabad.

The Chief Amounts of rainfall are:—Tezpur and Chittagong 3/4 of an inch; Gauhati Cox'e Bazar, Narayanganj and Jalpaiguri 1/2, Darjeeling 1/4.

Temperatures were appreciably above normal along the North-West Frontier.

Forecast until the 18th Evening:—A few thunder-storms may also occur elsewhere in Bengal and in Chota Nagpur, Orissa and East Central Provinces. Temperatures will be above normal in the North-West Frontier and the Punjab.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 17th April 1941:—

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs. +.030 inches.
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 82.0 deg.
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 74.8 deg.
Maximum temperature during 24 hrs. 87.2 deg. (1.0 below normal).
Minimum temperature during 24 hrs. 77.6 deg. (1.4 above normal).
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 70 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. N.
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 3 miles per hr.
Total movement of wind in 24 hrs. 115 mls.
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours, 11 miles per hour.
Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 5.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 17/4/1941

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8.46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 84.0 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.07 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.86 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001' for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

Why Australia Is In War

Fighting For "New Order Of Justice And Security"

LONDON, April 7.

Speaking at a luncheon given in his honour at the Ulster Reform Club, Mr. Menzies discussed why Australia, with a population less than London, was counting her forces by hundreds of thousands and spending £200 million. The enemy, he said, were declaring that British countries just took their orders from London and that Australia had been ordered to fight. If he had said that to any of the Australian forces outside Bardia their answer would have been unprintable.

Mr. Menzies said that there was also the belief that various parts of the Empire were becoming separate. He would not criticise those who framed the language of the Statute of Westminster, but it had never meant much to him. It had never occurred to him or, he believed, to any other Australian, that they were independent in relation to our affairs though, if London gave instructions to Canberra, Canberra would know what to do about it.

He never believed that the essential genius of the British Empire could be translated into terms in black and white when separate communities were dependent on each other in matters of spirit, national power and trusteeship of the future of the world. In this British Empire we had one King and he thanked God that he was a good one. When that one King made war he (Mr. Menzies) had never felt inclined, as representative of his country, to sit down and engage in vague speculations as to whether he ought to declare war. There could be no question of a division between the British people who held a great trust for the future of the world in the prosecution of the war. His mind, he said, dwelt more upon the essential unity of our spirit, our cause, our purpose and our responsibility.

This war, Mr. Menzies said, was not a war for territory and it mattered nothing that we should run ourselves bankrupt as long as we remained free. We must pay the price of war, and the proud price must inevitably be that millions of us would have to go back to to our beginnings and build up those things that had been destroyed. We would have to do new and splendid pioneering work in the free world so that our children and our children's children would look upon us and say that we were in the twentieth century pioneers in a new order—not in the German sense but a new order of freedom, justice and security.

Complete Hartal Against Marketing Act

LAHORE, April 16.

Grain markets in the Punjab remained closed to-day for the second day as a protest against the Punjab Produce Markets Act.

According to the decision of the Punjab Traders Conference recently held at Lyallpur all business in agricultural produce will remain suspended till the Marketing Act is either repealed or amended to the satisfaction of traders.—A.P.

PACHMARHI, April 17.

The Central Provinces and Berar has, so far presented seven aeroplanes to the Royal Air Force in Great Britain.—United Press.

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ON THE AIR

FRIDAY, APRIL 18.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Bismil Qawwal and Party. 7-45 S. K. Joshi: Marathi Pad. 7-55 Navsarivala. 8-5 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Hira Bai Javeri 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 Ashraf Khan. 9-20 Leela Karandikar. 12-30 p.m Dadras from the Discs. 12-45 Group of Ghazals 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Three Stars. 1-10 Naat Duet and Geet. 1-20 Mutual Understanding. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music. 5 Tomorrow. 5-5 Soni Bai. 5-20 Nagaswaram. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Bismil Qawwal and Party. 5-50 Master Dhiru: Recitations from Gujarati poems. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Leela Karandikar. 6-20 A I R Trio: Garba Dhun. 6-30 Children's Happy Half Hour. 7 New Marathi Books: Review. 7-15 Movie Melodies. 7-25 Local news and announcements. 7-30 Hira Bai Javeri. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Topic of the day. 8-30 World Affairs: Talk relayed from B B C. 8-45 Sound News. 9 News in Hindustani 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 10 Bismil Qawwal and Party. 10-10 Bombay Radio Orchestra 10-20 Hira Bai Javeri. 10-30 Khayal in Duet.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7.240 kc/s)

7-30 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1 8-5 Melodious melodies. 8-15 Anantrao: Sarangi. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Bombay 1. 8-40 Hira Bai Javeri. 8-50 Reading from Marathi Books. 9 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Indian music. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Musical interlude. 1-35 to 2-25 As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 5-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Leela Karandikar. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 S. K. Joshi. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 7-55 As in Bombay 1. 7-55 Ashraf Khan. 8-15 Jaltarang solo. 8-25 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Soni Bai: Marathi Pad. 9-10 Sitar recital. 9-20 S. K. Joshi. 9-30 Arthur King: Baritone. 9-45 Dominic Pereira and his Radio Quartet. 10 Hazel David: Soprano. 10-10 Dominic Pereira and his Radio Quartet.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Kallan Qawwal and Party. 5-20 Tirwan on Sarangi. 5-30 Sohan Singh. 5-45 Zohra Jan. 6-15 Master Madan. 6-30 Puria Dhanasri on Violin. 6-40 Gordhan Das. 7 Zohra Jan. 7-15 The Song Divine, 1: Talk in Hindustani. 7-30 For Villagers Only. 8-15 Master Madan. 8-30 World Affairs: Talk relayed from B B C. 8-45 Kallan Qawwal and Party. 9-45 Darbari Kanara on Violin. 9-55 Sohan Singh. 10-5 Master Madan. 10-25 Zohra Jan. 10-45 News in English.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time).

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For the Children 5-50 Anima Roy. 6-6 Girls and Boys Come out to Play. 6-43 Rupa Sanatan: Devotional play. 9 Radharani. 10 Radharani. 10-10 Samaresh Chowdhuri.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P Railway.

(On and from 1/4/1941)

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Madras Mail	5-00	22-00
Peshawar Express	6-15	22 45
Calcutta Mail via Nagpur	8-55	18-10
Calcutta Mail via Chheoki	9-30	20-15
Madras Express	10-15	14-30
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-30	17-40
Nagpur Express	15-00	21-00
Poona Express	19 30	08-05
Allahabad Express	20 25	07-00
Poona Fast Passenger	21-45	12-10

B. B. & C. I. Railway.

(Arrivals at and Departures from Bombay Central.)

(On and from 1/4/1941)

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-05
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Kathiawar Mail	6-50	21-30
Frontier Mail	8-15 (Mon)	21-15 (Sat)
The Flying Ranee, Bulsar	*9-15	15-35
The Flying Ranee, Surat	*9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Monday)	10-58	00-00
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Saturday)	00-00	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	19-05	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-48	9-00

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, these trains will run on Tuesday.

Sugar Quiet And Poor Offtake

Bombay, April 16

Java sugar: Since our last review, local market for ready Java sugar has continued to remain uninteresting as there are no stocks and Indian sugars are sold at present low prices. There was some demand for Bonded Java sugar and business was done for small quantities at Rs. 11/4 to Rs. 11/6. Holders are firm and are not willing to sell their stocks except at their own limits as further arrivals are not expected for some time. Owing to firmness in ready Bond, there was some enquiry for named steamers and business was reported for a few hundred tons at Rs 10/4 to Rs. 10/6. As regards forward positions, March shipment was steadier with an improvement of 2 annas due to short covering. May-June was however neglected and nominally quoted at Rs. 9/4 per cwt as owing to uncertainty about the steamers, buyers were not interested and preferred to wait until Conference steamer is declared. Java market was reported steady. Locally market closed steady. Undertone was firm for ready and steady for forward.

Indian sugar: Market for ready was quiet owing to poor offtake. Quotations were almost unchanged. Cawnpore market was reported steady but business was restricted as most of the sugar of the previous quota were sold and fresh quota has not been issued. Market closed steady. There was some activity in Gola "July and September" on Exchange terms and business was done for a few hundred bags at Rs. 8/15 to Rs. 9 per md. F.O.R. usual terms. The general opinion is that present prices will be maintained as long as there is no change in the Syndicate limits. The arrivals during the week were estimated at 5,000 bags and stocks 72,000 bags. At the close tone of the market was steadier with an increase of 1 to 2 annas per md due to better enquiry for ready and business was reported for a few thousand bags of the Maharashtra Mills at current limits as syndicate's present limits are still higher as compared with the Maharashtra Mills.

Foreign markets: There was an all-round advance of 3 points on the New York Terminal market. Java market was reported steady but business was very restricted on account of scarcity of freight. Nivas limit was understood to be unchanged.

Calcutta and Karachi: There was no interest in Java sugar in Calcutta and the quotation is nominal. Karachi market was reported firm for ready Java but business was generally restricted to ready for transhipment or for named steamers. As regards Indian sugars, Calcutta market was reported steady. There was scarcity of good grain quality and prices were almost on the level of the syndicate limits and in certain cases, above the Syndicate limits by 2 to 3 annas per md. Karachi market was reported quiet and prices were practically unchanged.

General: The local market for ready Java sugar is likely to remain unchanged. As regards forward positions, owing to increasing scarcity of tonnage business is getting difficult and future tendency of the market continues to remain uncertain.

New York Cotton Quietly Steady

SMALL TRADE AND LOCAL BUYING ABSORBS HEDGING

Operators Watch Balkan Developments

Bombay: April 17.

On Wednesday the New York cotton market declined on uneasiness over the Balkans with indications of further delay in farm legislation.

Chicago grains early drifted down on loan hedging and profit-taking but later recovered on replacement buying and lessening of concern with regard to probable price and supply contro' measures in Washington.

The report of the Census Bureau on the domestic mills consumption of cotton during March 1941 gives the figure as 854,000 bales as compared to 6,26,000 bales in March 1940.

Loan repossessions up to 11th April amounted to 11,21,000 bales.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened steady. After early indecisiveness, prices eased under nervous liquidation and local and Southern selling in sympathy with outside markets coupled with less persistent trade demand. Finally local and professional buying developed and the market closed quietly steady.

At the opening July was 3 pts down at 11.24. There was moderate buying and May improved to 11.35, which was the highest level. There was increased selling and May declined to 11.25, which was the lowest level. Thereafter prices rallied and the market closed unchanged to one point down. Spot cotton prices declined 5 pts at 11.50c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton market was irregular with a restricted business and closed at a rise of one point to a decline of 3 pts. Spot cotton prices improved one point at 11.11c per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. M. and B. Stern state:—

Local receipts from 10th to 15th instant were 59,073 bales of which Broach 17,212 bls. Total receipts from 1st September to date are 1,839,569 bales against 1,802,153 bales last season. Broach arrivals to date total 133,415 bales against 338,646 bales same period last year.

Bombay stock on 10th inst. was 1,305,101 bales against 1,244,346 bales last year. Exports from Bombay and Karachi up to end of March were around 14 1/2 lacs bales, about the same as last year.

The U S A Mills consumption for March was 854,000 bales which constitutes a new record. The previous month's figures were 794,000 bales and for March 1940 616,000 bales.

PRIVATE CABLES

New York highest 11.35+04 (10-33 a.m.); lowest 11.25—06 (12-21 p.m.)

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York.—Small trade and local buying absorbed by hedging. Market quiet.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: April 16.

May	11.30—01
July	11.26—01
October	11.20
December	11.20
January	11.18
March	11.20
Middling Spot	11.50—05

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York: April 16

May	11.36+01
July	11.32+01
October	11.28
December	11.27
January	11.24—03
March	11.26+01
Middling Spot	11.11+01

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: April 16.

	11 a.m. Coll.	11-45 a.m. Call
May	11.32	11.29
July	11.29	11.24
October	11.23	11.19

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York: April 16.

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	4,000 bales
Day's exports to Breat Britain	Nil.
Day's exports to the Continent	Nil.
Day's exports to China and Japan	Nil.

RAW COTTON SITUATION

Better At Times To Have No Business Than Bad Business

Bombay, April 17

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co have issued the following report:—

During the period under review there have been moderate fluctuations in the New York market. The market has been supported by various factors. There has been the belief, which we think is not without foundation, that next season there will be a higher Loan level probably in the vicinity of 12 cents, and secondly and equally important has been good buying by American Mills to secure supplies to meet the continued increasing consumption in America. The official consumption figure for the U. S. Mills for the month of March was given as 854,000 bales. This is a record figure and represents consumption at the rate of over 40,000 bales per working day. This growing demand can now be met only by the repossession of Loan cotton which is bringing in to the Farmer quite a comfortable profit and incidentally is improving his buying power and is thus increasing the general flow of trade in the United States. This selling of equities will probably slow down any further advance in the immediate future but on the other hand it is unlikely the market will decline for, with the return to prosperity in the Textile Industry, it must be widely known that manufacturers can afford to pay present prices.

LOCAL SITUATION

In the local market the tone has been somewhat reactionary. The increasing intensity of the War keeps before traders the great difficulties ahead in obtaining freight space for exports and with India having grown a crop larger than probable total offtake, stocks particularly in Bombay have been increasing until these are now larger than at this time last year. These stocks would have been even larger had the Railway Companies been able to provide a freer supply of wagons. Admittedly these stocks are largely composed of low grades and short staple varieties but this cotton having passed out of the hands of the primary producers into the hands of merchants the latter feel that hedges are necessary. The Oomra and Bengal contracts are narrow and as these are quoted at very substantial discounts under Broach contracts the latter have to carry many hedges against the low grades. This pressure has had a depressing effect on values during a period when the War situation has been somewhat obscure and the position has been aggravated by the circulation in the market of many nonsensical rumours. Meantime consumption by the Indian Textile Industry continues to expand and lately there has been a better offtake and demand from the Far East, and in spite of the lost markets in Europe and the scarcity of freight to England total exports for this season are very little behind the corresponding figures for last season. Recently there has not been much demand for actual ordinary Broach cotton but the movement of that crop is now nearly completed. The fact remains that the total amount of tenderable Broach is definitely small, especially in ratio to the floating open interest in old crop Broach contracts. The position of these contracts is thus vulnerable but whether anyone will have the courage to attempt a squeeze remains to be seen. One great strength in the position is that a considerable quantity of business has been done on "call" on these contracts and when this cotton is called contracts will have to be bought. However, for the time being the position is so obscure we do not feel justified in expressing any strong opinion either way. We admit this is not very helpful but we hope our clients will realise it is better at times to have no business rather than bad business on one's books.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 11th April, 1941:—

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL:—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund		5,62,50,000
Fixed deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other accounts		97,98,35,000
Loans against securities per contra		
Acceptances for constituents		
Sundries		77,72,000
RUPEES		110,01,07,000
ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—		
Government securities	54,79,07,000	
Other authorised investments	1,10,68,000	55,89,75,000
ADVANCES:—		
Loans	8,92,30,000	
Cash credits and overdrafts	27,06,63,000	
Bills discounted and purchased	5,14,98,000	41,13,91,000
Liability of constituents for acceptances per contra		
Dead Stock		1,81,69,000
Sundries		68,36,000
Bullion		
CASH:—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	8,86,00,000	
Balances with other Banks	1,61,36,000	10,47,36,000
RUPEES		110,01,07,000

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVED

Bombay: April 17.

Shaw Wallace and Coy's Swedish s s Bargeland of 1363 reg tons, Capt E Plamgren arrived from Boston with passengers and general cargo.

LOADING

Bombay: April 17.

The following vessel is booked for loading on 17/4/1941:—

Panamian s s El Segundo.

IMPORTS

Bombay: April 17.

3870 bags betelnuts, 300 c/s pineapples, 186 bags nutmegs, 47 bags gum, 340 dms cocoanut oil, 200 c/s potassium chlorate, 166 c/s w/n yarn, 56 c/s green wire nettings, 566 coils galvd iron wire, 200 cts hydrogen peroxide, 400 bdls sugarcandy, 630 c/s firecrackers 78 bls Simili paper, 250 c/s Arsenic acid, 465 cts ply-chestwood, 43 c/s clocks, 30 c/s porcelain toys 57 c/s porcelain figures, 35 c/s porcelain marbles, 191 pkgs mattings, 80 c/s fans (straw), 1201 bdls cassia, 4760 cts tiles, 75 c/s w/n pcegoods, 36 c/s cell bangles, 1232 c/s cotton pcegoods, 300 c/s cotton yarn, 185 c/s glassware, 536 c/s porcelainware, 30 c/s cast iron ware, 30 c/s crucible pots, 3084 c/s rayon yarn, 80 c/s staple fibre pcegoods, 1240 bdls cotton baling hoops, 400 bdls iron hoops 88 c/s glass bangles, 40 c/s wet preserves, 37 pkgs broken glass, 1751 c/s window glass, 718 c/s shett glass, 60 c/s Napthaline balls, 67 c/s elect goods, 37 dms dye.tuffs, 449 bls staple fibre yarn, 200 c/s cond milk, 49 c/s rayon goods, 60 c/s beer, 73 dms sodium sulphide, 69 c/s worsted yarn, 560 bags calcium carbonate, 100 bdls steel baling hoops, 119 c/s ground glass, 42 c/s umbrella goods, 63 c/s cotton and rayon mxd pcegoods, 50 c/s cnd cardines, 72 c/s cotton goods, 938 c/s rayon pcegoods, 35 rolls linoleum, 43 c/s copper rolls, 43 c/s metal goods, 170 c/s empty glass bottles, 60 c/s empty glass inkstands, 60 c/s aniline salt, 59 bags bolts and nuts, 45 bags damar batu, 41 bags glass bottles.

EXPORTS

Bombay: April 17.

1000 bales raw cotton Japan Ctn Trading Co Ltd; 1000 bls raw cotton Konishi and Co Ltd; 9090 tons pig iron The Indian Iron and Steel Co Ltd; 210 bags chalk lumps Shaw Wallace and Co; 800 bags chalk powder Shaw Wallace and Co; 600 bls raw cotton N Nagsee and Co: 200 bls raw cotton C Jethabhai and Co; 100 tons manganese ore The Shivrajpua Syndicate Ltd; 40 bls tanned cow hides Cox and Kings (Agents), Ltd; 616 bgs myraboliams Arvindkumar Nandlal and Co; 500 tons manganese ore James Finlay and Co Ltd; 798 bags gum Mepani Bros; 400 bls cotton pcegoods S R Pusalkar and Co; 10 bls cotton pcegoods L A Bund; 235 bls cotton pcegoods P K Ashar and Co; 166 bls cotton pcegoods Chinoobhai and Bros; 13 bls art silk waste Barot Bros and Co; 39 bls cotton twist waste Barot Bros and Co; 1280 bags myraboliams J Hasmukhlal and Co; 60 bls raw wool Ralli Bros Ltd; 1000 bls raw cottor T M Kaisha Ltd; 3793 bags tin seed Louis Dreyfus and Co; 200 bls raw cotton G Dossa and Co; 300 bls raw cotton Cotton Export and Import Ltd; 3558 bags linseeds M Bhuta and Co; 100 bls raw cotton The Universal Cotton Trading Co; 400 bls raw cotton G K Kaisha Ltd.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: April 17.

Following a decline of one point in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 217 for Broach J/A delivery, but the market opened easy with nervousness over Balkan news. Trading commenced at Rs. 216/8 and with weakness in Share Bazar prices declined to Rs. 214. At this level there was general covering by offices and commission houses and prices hardened to Rs. 218. The market was steady at this level with restricted business.

There was some selling and prices declined to Rs. 216. Professional operators supported the market and with scarcity of sellers prices improved to Rs. 219. At this level, there was some selling and prices sagged to Rs 217. There was renewed buying and prices improved to Rs. 219. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

	Rs.	as.	ps.
F G M G Broach—			
April/May 1941	224	8	0
July/August	215	8	0
April/May 1942	208	4	0
Fine M G Oomra—			
May	166	8	0
July	167	0	0
December/January	172	0	0
F G M G Bengal—			
May	128	0	0
July	129	4	0
December/January	133	12	0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay: April 17.

	Extra Spr-fine.	Sup.	Fine.	F.G.	Good
M G Bengal U P	130	128	126	124	
M G Punjab	130	127	126	124	
M G Rajputana	135	133	131	129	
M G Oomra No. 3	165	162	159	156	...
M G C. P. No. 1	197	194	191	188	...
M G C. P. No. 2	176	173	170	167	...
M G Broach No. 2	229	226	223	220	
M G Punjab/American	272	269	266	263	
M G Surat	347	344	341	338	
M G Rajpipla	342	339	336	333	
M G Navsari	357	354	351	348	

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay: April 17.

Bengal Fine	122/25
Berar	156/60
C. P. 1	189/91
C. P. 2	162/65
Khandesh	127/39
Muglai	142/45
Broach	223/26
Punjab S G 289F	352/62
Punjab R G 289F	327/32
Punjab R G 4F	267/74

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay: April 17.

RECEIPTS INTO BOM. OF IND. COTTON

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	This year.	Since 1st S ptr. Last year.
Khandesh	53	96,329	51,075
Central India	387	131,944	97,312
Barsi and Nagar	542	102,932	107,515
Hyderabad/Gaorani	136	37,516	44,396
Berar	867	343,696	288,075
Central Provinces	76	73,059	71,488
Total Oomras	2,061	785,476	659,861
Dholeras	485	69,538	66,894
N.-W. Provinces		1,252	24,209
Rajputana		5,211	28,223
Sind-Punjab	426	458,727	317,079
Broach	5,493	138,908	343,711
Coompta & Dharwar	753	53,567	21,409
Westerns-Northerns	217	52,088	20,588
Cocoanada		239	86
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	205	1,868	1,314
Total	9,500	1,566,874	1,483,374
Arrived by road to 10th April 1941		236,133	224,358

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

F P Bales.	1940/41	1939/40
Receipts to date 16-4-41	3347000	7115000
Receipts yesterday 16-4-41	4000	4000
Export to date 16-4-41	831000	5660000
Stock at Ports 12-4-41	3382000	2816000
Stock at interior towns do.	2918000	2521000
Stock at Liverpool 12-4-41		
Visible supply 12-4-41		
Quantity in sight 12-4-41	9923000	12473000
Quantity out of sight 12-4-41		

COTTON PARITY

Bombay: April 17.

Broach A/M below New York May 269 cent points at 331.

Broach J/A below New York July 289 cent points at 331.

Broach A/M New below N.Y. March 326 cent points at 331.

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS.

Bombay: April 17.

Wheat May	0	3	0
Wheat September	0	9	0
Linseed May	0	3	0
Linseed September	0	11	0
Groundnut May	1	3	0
Groundnut August	3	4	0
Castorseed May	1	4	0
Castorseed September	4	0	0
Cottonseed May	0	11	0
Cottonseed September	2	0	0
Silver 1st Settlement	0	13	0
Silver 2nd Settlement	1	6	0
Gold 1st Settlement	0	12	0
Gold 2nd Settlement	1	2	0

London Stock Exchange

London: April 16.

The Stock Exchange ruled very quiet with price movements narrowly irregular. Gilt-edgeds and Home Rails tended to be easier, but Industrials were mostly well maintained and Oils were steady apart from half a crown fall in Anglo-Egyptian. Foreigners were easier with declines recorded in Chinese, Japanese, Brazilians and Egyptians. Wall-Street market was very quiet.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay: April 17.

Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 72/0
Copper sheets	Rs. 81/8

Tone:—Dull.

PEPPER & GINGER.

Bombay: April 17.

The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.:—

	Rs.	as.	ps.
Pepper ready Alleppey per candy	85	0	0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15 per candy	87	0	0
Pepper Bhadarva Sud 15 per candy	90	0	0
Ginger bleached ready per cwt	18	0	0
Ginger Vaishakh Sud 15 per cwt	16	8	0

Bombay Yarn Quotations

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay: April 17.

Yarn No.	April	June	August
6 1/2s.	134	135	136
10 1/2s.	152	154	156
20 1/2s.	225	226 1/2	228
40s.	321	323	324

LONDON SEEDS

London: April 16.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe 20/3 April/May quoted

Wheat Barletta Russo 20 April/May quoted.

Wheat South Australian 27/6 April/May quoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London: April 16.

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	£70 1/2
Indian Stocks—	£
3 per cent 1948	87
3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	98 3/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	77 1/4
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	102 7/8
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent	103 3/4
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	112 1/4
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	110 3/4
Chartered Bank of I. Australia and China	8 5/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Register)	75
National Bank of India	51

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, April 17.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan 97/4
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 95/-
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100/8
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 93/10
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 94/14
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 102/11
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 108/15
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 104/9
3 per cent War Bonds 101/8/6
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 113/8

TAX FREE LOANS.

3 per cent 1945/55 Loan 111/6
4 per cent 1963/65 Mysore 115/8
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 125

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1947 108/8
4 per cent M Deb 1974 108
5 per cent M Deb 1959 116
6 per cent M Deb 1954 126/4
6 per cent K P T 1956 128

Tone:—Quiet.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: April 17.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 two months
Banks buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 next two months

B. C. RATES:—
T T 1/5 29/32; D D 1/5 29/32
Banks selling T T 1/5 15/16; D D 1/5 15/16
Banks buying T T 1/6d; D D 1/6 3/32

NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T 333 1/4; D D 333 1/4
Banks buying T T 330; D D 328

MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T 303; D D 304
Banks buying T T 297 3/4; D D 296 1/4

JAVA:—
Banks selling T T 55 3/4; D D 56
Banks buying T T 57 1/2; D D 57 3/8

JAPAN:—
Banks selling T T 81 1/2; D D 81 1/2
Banks buying T T 77 1/2; D D not quoted

BERNE:—
Banks selling T T 126 3/4; D D 126 3/4
Banks buying T T 131; D D 131

STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T 123; D D 123
Banks buying T T 128; D D 128

SINGAPORE:—
Banks selling T T 157 3/4; D D 157 3/4
Banks buying T T 156; D D 156

HONGKONG:—
Banks selling T T 85 1/4; D D 84 1/2
Banks buying T T 81 1/2; D D 81 1/2

SHANGHAI:—
Banks selling T T 20 1/4; D D 19 1/4
Banks buying T T 17; D D 17

MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T 67.27; D D 66.27
Banks buying T T 63.04; D D 62.04

LISBON:—
Banks selling T T 7.35; D D 7.35
Banks buying T T 7.55; D D 7.55

CROSS RATES:—
London/New York Dol. 4 02 1/2-3 1/2
London/Montreal Dol. 4.43/47
London/Java Glds. 7.58/62
London/Japan Sh. 1/2 1/2
London/Berne Fcs. 17.30/40
London/Stockholm K. 16.85/95
Singapore/London Sh 2/4 5/32-7/32
Hongkong/London Sh 1/3 1/32
Shanghai/London Sh. 0/3 7/16
Mexico/London Pes. 19.5-21.5
Lisbon/London Esc. 99 80-100.20
New York/London Dol. 4.01 3/4

JAPAN:—
Banks buying 60 days 75 1/2
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8/8/0 Ready.
New York Silver 34 3/4.
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent
Reserve Bank rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 3 per cent.
Money:—Call 1/4 per cent
3 months 1/2 per cent
6 months 3/4 per cent
Tone of Money Market:—Easy.

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay: April 17.

	Rs.	as.	ps.
Groundnuts May—			
Opening	29	6	0
Highest	29	9	0
Lowest	29	2	0
Closing	29	9	0
Castorseeds May—			
Opening	31	10	0
Highest	31	10	0
Lowest	31	2	0
Closing	31	2	0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening	20	9	6
Highest	20	10	6
Lowest	20	8	0
Closing	20	10	6
Groundnuts August—			
Opening	30	8	0
Highest	30	12	0
Lowest	30	5	0
Closing	30	11	6
Castorseeds September—			
Opening	32	14	0
Highest	33	6	0
Lowest	32	13	0
Closing	33	4	0
Cottonseeds September—			
Opening	21	5	0
Highest	21	5	6
Lowest	21	3	0
Closing	21	5	6

LINSEED & WHEAT.

Bombay, April 17

Linseed May	5	1	9
Linseed September	5	4	9
Wheat May	4	2	6
Wheat September	4	1	9

LONDON RUBBER

London: April 16.

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. 14-9/16 buyers.

Renewed Selling In Share Bazar

ANOTHER DROP IN STEEL SHARES

Textiles Also Look Down

Bombay: April 17.

Coming events cast their shadows before and similarly the action of the local Stock Exchange indicates loss of confidence. Today during the early part there was considerable nervousness with increased selling pressure and prices melted away sharply. After a huge decline there appeared some support which checked collapse and prices recovered few points but the market was hesitant.

The Wall-Street market backed and filled with uneasiness engendered by war news offsetting better labour outlook and market closed firm. Steels generally were soft though a settlement of the coal dispute is believed to be imminent. U S Steel shares closed 1 1/2 up at 52 7/8 and Anaconda Copper Mining shares improved 1/2 at 23 1/4 dollars.

In the local market there is no short interest as short sales are banned. Thus in a declining market there can be no support except replacement buying. Thus the market is left in a state where potential buying is the main sustaining factor.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened to-day at Rs. 1907/8 and prices tumbled down to Rs. 1845. At this level there was some replacement buying and prices rallied to Rs. 1880, but under renewed selling prices eased off to Rs. 1870. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 380 and after declining to Rs. 371 rallied to Rs. 375. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1085 and after declining to Rs. 1071 recovered to Rs. 1077. The tone of the market was weak.

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, April 17.

100 Ahm. Advance	280	0	
250 BOMBAY DYEING	1077	8	
100 CENTURY X.D.	408	0	
100 CENTRAL INDIA	310	8	
100 COLABA	175	0	
100 Coorla	104	0	
250 Davin	37	8	
250 Dawn	356	4	
1 E. D. Sassoon Def.	0	14	0
100 FINLAY	179	8	
100 GOKAK	211	8	
1000 Hindustan	2190	0	
100 Indore	76	0	
100 Khatau	145	0	
100 KOHINOOR	419	0	
250 LAXMI	505	0	
100 MORARJI	225	0	
250 Model	93	8	
50 MYSORE	110	0	
200 NEW GREAT	418	0	
100 Oosmanshahi	68	0	
100 Phoenix	280	0	
25 Sassoon Silk	92	8	
1000 Sholapur	2910	0	
50 SIMPLEX	106	0	
100 SWADESHI	294	0	
100 SWAN	190	0	
500 Vishnu	1320	0	
1000 Western	1150	0	

BANKS

50-100 BARODA	107	8	
25-50 CENTRAL	44	8	
500 IMPERIAL	1561	4	
125-500 Imp. Contrys	386	4	
50-100 India	141	8	
100 RESERVE BANK	104	0	
5 UNION	6	10	

CEMENTS

100 ASSOCIATED	138	4	

INSURANCE

100 Empire	652	8	
15-100 JUPITER	14	0	
20 Mercantile	66	0	
15-75 NEW INDIA	43	10	
2-0 Orients.	3960	0	
10-50 Vulcan	9	0	

ELECTRIC

100 AHMD OLD	180	10	
100 ANDHRA VALLEY	1885	0	
10 AJMER	12	1	
50 BOMBAY TRAM	139	0	
100 Bombay Suburban	185	0	
10 Broach	13	2	
100 Karachi X.D.	218	12	
100 Poona	225	10	
100 Surat	182	8	
100 TATA HYDRO	180	0	
1000 TATA POWER	1610	0	

RAILWAYS

500 Ahmedabad Prantij	242	8	
100 C. Province	105	12	
100 Dhond Baramati	104	4	
100 Gujarat	101	0	
100 Mandra Bhoi	104	0	
100 Pachora Jamner	65

NEW YORK COTTON TWO POINTS DOWN

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

JULY 1941

New York, April 17

Previous closing	11.26
To-day's opening	11.25
Difference	nil.
To-day's closing	11.24
Difference	—02

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs. 224-0
Broach July/August	Rs. 219-0
Broach April/May 1942	Rs. 207-12

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 17

The New York cotton was moderately active on stray trade and local buying but lack of constructive developments checks fresh enterprise.

Trading in July began unchanged at 11.26 Prices steadied on scattered trade and local buying but the general demand was restricted.

The following are to-day's opening ranges in New York cotton :—

May (11.29/29) 11.30/30
July (11.24/23) 11.26/26
October (11.17/16) 11.19/19

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, April 16

Castorseeds unquoted
Linseed Bombay Calcutta April/May (£18 9/16 quoted) £18 9/16 quoted
Linseed La Plata May (£11 5/16 quoted) £11 5/16 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal April/May (£17 1/4 quoted) £17 1/4 quoted

JUTES

Dundee April (£47) £47 nominal
Lightning April (£43) £43 nominal

RUBBER

London, April 17

Spot (14 9/16d buyers) 14 5/8d value
Forward July September (14 3/4d paid and value) 14 3/4d value

LONDON METALS

Tin (£270 3/4 buyers; £271 sellers, Steady) £271 buyers; £271 1/2 sellers. Steady
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON SILVER

London, April 17

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

LONDON GOLD

London, April 17

London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Speculatives Marked Down

CALCUTTA, April 17

Quiet conditions continued on Stock Exchange to-day, and business was limited. Coals, Jutes, Teas, Cottons and Government securities were the turn lower. Speculative Engineering issues and miscellaneous industrials were marked down further.

The following are closing quotations :—

Government securities : 3 per cent loan 1951/54 99/9; 3 per cent Government Paper 82/9 small lot; 3 1/2 per cent Government Paper 95/9; 3 1/2 per cent loan 1947/50 102/14 small lot; 4 per cent loan 1960/70 109/1; 4 1/2 per cent loan 1955/60 113/6; 5 per cent loan 1945/55 111/6 small lot; 3 per cent Assam 1952 96/5 small lot; 5 per cent U P Bonds 1944 107 small lot; 3 per cent Punjab 1952 97/9 small lot; 3 per cent U P 1952 97/9.

Banks : Allahabad pref 153 odd lot; Reserve 103/8.

Railways : Hoshiarpur Doab Railway 102 small lots; Kalighat Talta 92/8.

Cottons : Benares Cotton and Silk 2/10; Bengal Luxmi 35 ct; Bowreah A Pref 202 small odd lot; B pref 67 small odd lot; Dunbar 192; Elgin Mills ord 19; New Victoria ord 2/2.

Coals : Bengal 350; Dhemo Main 12/5; Equitable 34/4; Mundulpoor 9/8; Talcher 1/5.

Jutes : Adamjee 21/8; Agarpara 25/14; Anglo-India 305; Bally 216/8; Birla 26/13; Pref 130 small lot; Budge Budge 347; Cheviot 176; Chitavalsah pref 111/8 ct; Delto 385; Gouripore 679; Howrah 50/6; Hukumchand 9/3; Pref 118; India 300 small lot; Kamarhatty 455; Pref 159 small lot ct; National 21/13; Neilimaria 7/11; New Central 283 small lot; Presidency 4/6.

Minings : Burma Corporation 4/9; Consolidated Tin 2/5; Indian Copper 1/15; Rhodesia Copper annas 9; Eng. Companies : Burn and Co ord 370; Hukumchand Steel ord 10/2; Defd 3/2; Indian Iron and Steel 29/10 ex div; Indian Malleable Casting defd 2/2; National Iron and Steel 8/4; Steel Corpn ord 18; Pref 119/8.

Miscellaneous : Dalmia Cement ord 11/9; Alkali and Chemical pref 130/8; Mozafferpore Elec 12/13; B I Corpn ord 4/2; Pref 177; Birds Investment pref 100; Britannia Biscuits 10; Calcutta Safe Deposit 6/10 small lot; Dunlop Rubber ord 37; Indian Cables 20/8; Indian Wood Products 27/4; Rohtas Industries ord 20/8; British Burma Petroleum 3/4; Papers Orient ord 12/2; Star ord 10/4; Titaghur Pref ord 5/6; Ord 16/12 small lot; Rubbers New Scudai .77 1/2 cts; Pajam dol 1.87 1/2 cts; Tapah dol 1.90 cts; Sugars : Carew and Co ord 9/4 ct; New Savan 7.

Teas : Bishnauth 25/4; Dhelakhat 21/8; Giello pref 128;

Debentures : 6 per cent 1908-48 Howrah Amta Railway 106 small lot; 2 1/4 per cent Rangoon Municipal 100/8 small lot.—A.P.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

KARACHI, April 17

The following are closing quotations :—

Cotton Sind May	13	1	0
July	13	7	0
Punjab May	12	10	0
July	12	12	6
American May	25	15	0
July	25	5	9
Market : Quiet.			
Wheat July	99	4	3
Market : Quiet			
Gram July	24	9	3
Toria May	32	13	0
July	33	3	6
Cottonseed May	15	5	0
July	15	11	0

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EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, April 17

Previous closing	4.01 3/4
To-day's opening	4.01 1/2

T. T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, April 17

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London, April 17

T. T. London on Paris not quoted.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, April 17

London Exchange opened with the sterling/dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50, which is officially fixed rate.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 31/32) 1-5 31/32
Paris on Bombay not quoted.
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.33) 30.33
London on Shanghai (0-3 1/8 to 0-3 7/16) 0-3 1/8 to 0-3 7/16
London on Kobe (1-2 to 1-2 1/2) 1-2 to 1-2 1/2

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent.

BULLION AND SEEDS

Bombay, April 17

There was no trading during the nigh' session.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

Moderate Turnover In Plantings

MADRAS, April 17

The market has been fairly active on investment buying and securities have been quieter. Miscellaneous shares have been slightly easier. Plantings have come in for a moderate turnover and Cotton Mills were active.

Transaction reported from 12 noon yesterday to 12 noon to-day :

Indian Overseas Bank 50/6; Indo Commercial C 47/8; Buckinghams 251, 252/8; Vaikundam Rubbers 8/2, 8/4; Tropical Plantations 19/14; Midland Rubbers Chembra Peaks 3/8; Nilgiri Neerugundi 1/7; Coorg Rubbers 29/14, 30/6; Highland Produce 30/8; Be Be Rubbers 6/4; Ouchterloney Valley 2/1; Ayer Manis pref 102/6; Coonoor Tea 4, 4/1; South India Sugar pref 56/8; Mysore Papers 14/2, 13/14; Mysore Chemicals and Fertilisers 16/14, 17, 17/2; Mysore Matches 7/8; Bruntons 8/14; Mysore Glaba 10/15; Mysore Lamps 8/15, 8/12; Amrutanjan pref 101; Spencer 4 Pref 9/7; Spencer B Pref 9/13, 9/15; Cochin State Power 9; Indian Steel Rolling 7/12, 7/10.

Unsatisfactory Demand For Yarn

Bombay : April 16.

There has been no special change to report in the yarn market so far as Indian yarns are concerned and whilst prices have remained nominally unchanged the undertone has remained very dull and featureless throughout the whole past week. Owing to a number of holidays intervening, turnover has been very restricted Cotton has remained surprisingly steady in spite of further development in the political situation in the Balkans and in spite of the latest news regarding the Russo-Japanese agreement. Demand from consuming centres from all over the country has continued to remain very unsatisfactory and it looks as though Bombay yarns will lose internal markets entirely in course of time. The reason is not far to seek. Some of the Bombay mills have been quoting much higher prices probably due to large orders for yarn and cloth for Government requirements as well as for export markets. They seem to have entirely neglected the local markets at least for the time being. Upcountry mills, however, have been taking advantage of the situation and have been trying their level best to meet the requirements of their markets at prices which are much below Bombay parity. It is reported that some of the Southern Indian mills have recently reduced their prices further and have made moderate sales in counts from 20s to 40s at prices which are much below prices quoted by Bombay mills. In the circumstances, it is no wonder that sales of Bombay mills yarns for internal markets are becoming increasingly difficult day by day. As for export markets, owing to increasing scarcity of shipping freights day by day, fresh business is getting very difficult. It is reported that a large number of bales of yarns and cloth have been awaiting shipment for export markets for the last several months. Enquiries from Rangoon and other export markets have also been limited and mainly consist of cheap grade yarns at present. Future tendency of the market continues to remain uncertain.

ENGLISH YARNS.—There has been no business in Manchester yarns during the week, due to the war.

JAPANESE & SHANGHAI YARNS.—Market has remained dull and featureless during the whole past week on account of a number of holidays and also due to restricted demand from consuming centres for ready goods. Speculative turnover during the week has been rather restricted and prices have remained very uncertain with narrow fluctuations on both sides. Fresh forward business with Japan is very negligible on account of such higher prices quoted by Japanese spinners and also due to further uncertainty in the political situation created by the recent Russo-Japanese agreement. Arrivals by the incoming steamers continue to remain very limited but owing to restricted demand from consuming districts, future trend of the market has remained rather uncertain during the week. Exchange nas remained unchanged.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARN.—The improvement reported in our last in Artificial silk yarns as well as Staple Fibre yarns has been well maintained, but the undertone at the close is rather weak. On account of recent arrivals by the incoming steamers and also due to holidays, selling pressure seems to have increased to some extent at the end of the week and prices have been showing a tendency to decline to some extent, although temporarily. Japanese spinners on the other hand, have been showing very firm attitude and as the prices quoted by them are much higher than replacing cost no fresh forward business of importance has been possible during the week. Future tendency continues to remain rather hopeful.

INDIAN YARNS.—As a result of some improvement in cotton prices, turnover on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., has shown a distinct improvement and prices have advanced to the extent of about Rs. 3 per bale during the week in 20 1/2s with firm undertone at the close. In case of 10 1/2s, there has been no important movement and the turnover continues to remain very restricted. The future outlook is yet uncertain and is likely to depend upon the course of the cotton prices in the next few days.

3 1/2 P.C. STERLING LOAN

London, April 17

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £98 3/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 17

London Stock Exchange was narrowly irregular.

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

London, April 17

5 per cent 1958/68 (£105) £106

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£77 1/4) £77 1/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£102 7/8) £102 7/8
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£99) £99
4 per cent Funding Loan (£112 1/4) £112 1/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£103 3/4) £103 3/4
New War Loan (£100 1/4) £100 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£110 3/4) £110 5/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-0) 11-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (31-6) 31-9
Hydro Electric No dealings
Electric Music Industry (7-3) 7-3
Princhin Johnson (17-0) 17-3
Imperial Chemicals (29-4 1/2) 29-6
Woolsworth New Ordinary (46-3) 46-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates (£49 1/2) £49
Dundee Rubber (32-10 1/2) 33-0
Unilever Ordinary (21-6) 22-0
Ford Motors (17-7 1/2) 17-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£61) £61
British African Tobacco Ordinary (83-9) 83-9
Carreas 'A' (£3 3/4) £3 3/4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (90-0) 90-0
P and O Def (23-0) 22-6
Distillers (61-9) 61-9
Bredfords Dye (3-3) 3-3
British Celanese (3-7 1/2) 3-7 1/2
J and P Coates (28-7 1/2) 29-0
Courtaulds Ordinary (29 3) 29-4 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners (2-9) 2-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary (14-10 1/2) 14-10 1/2
Inter Nickel Ordinary (dol 39 1/4) dol 39
Indian Iron (45-6) 45-9

TEA SHARES

Assam Company (17-9) 17-9
Donaro Tea (30-0) 30-0
Empire of India (21-3) 21-3

JUTE

Barnagore (£8) £8

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (14-7 1/2) 14-4 1/2
Gula Kelampong (15-0) 15-0
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (25-0) 25-0

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (18-1 1/2) 18-1 1/2
Burma Corporation (6-10 1/2) 6-10 1/2
Rio Tintos (£7 1/2) £7 1/2
East Rand Properties (40-0) 40-0
Rand Mines (£6 1/2) £6 1/2

MINE SHARES

Crown (£12) £12
Associated Portland Cement (50-0) 48-9
Trinidad Leasehold (66-3) 66-7 1/2
Sub Nigel (£7 1/8) £7 1/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (20-7 1/2) 20-7 1/2
Union Corporation (£6 7/8) £6 7/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (25-7 1/2) 25-7 1/2
Anglo India (27-6) 27-6
Burma Oil (47-6) 46-3
Mexican Eagle (7-0) 7-0
Shell Transport (41-3) 40-7 1/2
Royal Dutch (£16 1/2) £16 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£31 3/4) £31 1/2
London Midland Ordinary (£11 1/2) £11 1/4
London North Eastern Def (£1 5/8) £1 1/2
London Southern Def (£9 3/8) £9 1/4
London Transport 6 per cent (£123) £123
London Transport 'C' (£31) £30 1/2

SHOLAPUR COLLECTOR IN CAR ACCIDENT.

SHOLAPUR, April 17.

Mr. W. N. Bakhatiyar, Collector of Sholapur, was injured in a motor accident near Dhond and has been admitted in Sholapur civil hospital.

It is stated that Mr. Bakhatiyar was travelling to Sholapur to join duty as Collector in the place of Mr. D. Symington. who has gone on leave.

The driver of the car is also stated to have been severely injured.—A. P.

Race Collection For War Fund

The two race meetings held in Bombay on April 5 and 10 in aid of the Bombay War Gifts Fund brought in about Rs. 2,50,000.

Fair Retail Prices Of Foodstuffs

The following are fair retail prices of several articles of foodstuffs in Bombay city published by the Controller of Prices, Bombay, for the week beginning from Friday, the 18th April, 1941 :—

Article.	Rate per paylee as. p.
Rice (Country)	
Jirasal (Bhiwandi) No. 1 quality	13-3 to 13-9
Jirasal (Bhiwandi) No. 2 quality	12-3 to 13-0
Jirasal (Bhiwandi) No. 3 quality	10-9 to 11-3
Patni	8-0 to 9-0
Wheat Khandwa No. 2	9-6
Wheat Yellow (Nasik)	8-3
Wheat Pissi Butki (Punjab)	7-6
Jowar Sholapur Yellow	5-0
Bajri Cawnpore No. 1	5-6
Bajri Kalpi Ordinary	5-6
Gram Banda	6-3
Gram Shahpura	7-6
Turdal Cawnpore Dry	8-6
Turdal Surti Oiled Superior	10-6
Masur Dal Superior	8-0
Chana Dal No. 1	8-0
Mung Chinai No. 2	10-0
	4 lb.
Ghee Hatras	14-3
Ghee Porbunder	Re. 1
Til Oil	3-6
Cocoanut Oil	2-9
Groundnut Oil	2-6
Indian Sugar	2-3
	2 boxes
Wimco Matches 40 sticks	0-9
Wimco Matches 60 sticks	1-0

Hindu Gymkhana And Pentangular Matches

President's Strange Ruling

The 47th Annual General Meeting of the P. J. Hindu Gymkhana was held at the Gymkhana Pavilion on April 15 and 16, with Mr. Shantaram A Shete, President, in the Chair.

The Annual Report and Statement of accounts showed a deficit of Rs. 1,263 on last year's working. This was due to an increase of Rs. 3,940 in expenditure on account of ground rent, payment of war allowances to the staff, and extra cost of sporting requisites.

After the Report and the Accounts were passed, the Managing Committee sought permission of the General Body to postpone the experiment of filtration gallery for the swimming pool for the time being, owing to the increased cost of materials, which was granted.

COACHING OF YOUNGSTERS

The suggestion of the L. R. Tairsee Memorial Committee to utilise the interest on the Fund of Rs. 5,000 "for purposes of starting one special cricket net during the season for the benefit of Hindu boys preferably from local schools having necessary talent," was considered. The Hindu Representative Matches Committee were entrusted with the job with a request that they would supplement the amount with a donation from its funds.

ZONE PENTANGULAR

Then Mr. J. C. Maitra moved his resolution on the Zone Pentangular. In doing so, he reminded the House how strongly Mahatma Gandhi had condemned the Communal Pentangular and other forms of communal sport last year. Thereafter he explained the scheme which he had already placed before the Pentangular Committee, clause by clause. He pointed out that by adopting the Zone Pentangular with any suitable modification, they would not only avoid communal bitterness of feelings but help to improve the game in all parts of India without any restriction to caste, creed, colour or race

Mr. Maitra was sure that the Zone Pentangular would become a greater attraction than even the Communal Pentangular and was therefore bound to prove a financial success. None of the Gymkhanas would lose a bit of its present prestige, position or power as they would be managing the new tournament as well.

In the event of the above proposal not being accepted by the Pentangular Committee, Mr. Maitra proposed that the Hindus should withdraw from the tournament altogether.

V. S. DONGRE'S SUPPORT

In seconding the above proposition, Mr. V. S. Dongre gave the genesis of the communal Pentangular and said that it had outlived its period of usefulness. "The time has come when it should be replaced by a healthier competition. It is strange that boys, who play for their schools and colleges without any communal or religious distinction, should be called upon to play under communal colours. It is a most unfortunate thing that this communal spirit is now creeping into our provincial and all-India teams. Therefore the sooner the communal tournament is done away with the better for all concerned." Mr. Dongre further suggested that if the Pentangular Committee did not accept the scheme of Zone Pentangular the Hindu Gymkhana should stage a Festival match in its stead.

PRESIDENT'S STRANGE RULINGS

The meeting was adjourned at this stage. On the following day, immediately after Mr. Shete took the Chair, Mr. V. M. Merchant rose to oppose the resolution. But before he could say anything, Mr. M. J. Javeri, the Hon. Treasurer, raised a point of order. He said that the resolution was "ultra vires" because the latter portion was dependent on the first part. Thereupon the President ruled the resolution out of order to the surprise of everybody. Mr. Maitra claimed the right of speaking on the point of order. But Mr. Shete did not allow him to do so nor did he enlighten the House on what law or rule he based his ruling.

Similarly he cut short Mr. Maitra's second resolution on the admission of non-Hindus as Associate Members of the Gymkhana.

SUBBA RAO MEMORIAL TOURNAMENTS

The Young Andhra Association are to be congratulated on deciding to commemorate the memory of late Mr. D. Subba Rao, who at the time of his death was their Vice-President. The idea to run an annual tournament of games in his memory is fitting, as Mr. Subba Rao displayed considerable interest in sport. Further, he always had an honourable and sporting outlook in all matters. The columns of "The Bombay Chronicle" in the past often carried sports comments by the late Vice-President of the Young Andhra Association.

This Association have decided upon table tennis, bridge, chess and carrom competitions. The series will be known as the Subba Rao Memorial Tournaments and are to be held in the premises of the Andhra Mahasabha, 765, Parsee Colony, Dadar.

A start in the various competitions will be immediate, as the draws took place on April 16.

Inter-Provincial Football

Ten Teams To Compete For Santosh Memorial Shield

One hundred and ten of India's best soccer players will be seen in action in the first Inter-Provincial Football Tournament. They will go to make up the ten provincial sides that have entered this tournament for which the Santosh Memorial Shield is the winners' trophy.

This Inter-Provincial soccer competition will be played towards the middle of May on the zonal basis.

The draw for the tournament will be made in the first week of next month in Bombay, by the Sub-Committee appointed by the All-India Football Federation to run the tournament. This Sub-Committee consists of: Mr. Soofi (Zone "A") Captain Anwar (Zone "B"), Mr. Moinul-ul-Huq (Zone "D"), Mr. Dutta Roy (I.F.A.) and officers of the All-India Football Federation ex-officio.

The ten Provincial associations that have entered teams are in the following zones:—

ZONE "A"—North-West India Football Association.

ZONE "B"—Delhi Football Association, United Provinces and Rajputana Football Association.

ZONE "C"—Indian Football Association, Dacca Sporting Association and Bihar Olympic Association.

ZONE "D"—Madras Football Association, Mysore Football Association and Western India Football Association.

The Army Sport Control have not been entered, owing to exigencies of war duties and the North-West Frontier Province and the Sind Football Association will not be represented. This may result in some readjustment of the allocation of certain provinces to the zones originally agreed to.

NADKARNI CUP FOOTBALL

The match in the Nadkarni Cup on Thursday Football Tournament had little excitement to offer South Kanara "D" did more or less what they liked with their opponents, Khar Young United "B". South Kanara won by five clear goals. Even this tally flatters the losers.

Three goals came in the initial period, Muddu Shetty gave them the lead early in the game Mahalinga scored in the eighteenth minute and M. Narayan netted the third first-half goal. Hoovaji Anchan was responsible for point No. 4——a fine goal put in smartly from a corner kick. South Kanara completed their score in the last minute through M. Narayan, who took a penalty award correctly.

The teams were:—

SOUTH KANARA: — Venkappa Shetty; Ishwar and B. M. Puthram; J. A. Puthram, Sanjeeva and Mahalinga; M. Narayan Achhanna, G. K. Shetty, Hoovaya Anchan and Muddu Shetty,

KHAR YOUNG UNITED "B":— S. Albert; S. Fernandes and A. Dass; B. Ramdas, Ethiraj and John; S. Devjee, Dominick, Ranga Salem, Krishna and P. Rodriques.

TO-DAY'S GAME

Cooperage—5-45 p. m.—B. F. S. T. v. Tata Sports Club.

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Sunday, April 20, 4-30 p. m.—Maharashtra Gymkhana v. South Kanara "C".

Monday, April 21, 5-45 p. m.—Muslim Sports Club "A" v. Bengal Club.

Tuesday, April 22, 5-45 p. m.—Y.M.C.A. v. Govt. Welfare Centre S. C.

Wednesday, April 23, 5-45 p. m.—Bright Star v. Central Bank Staff

Thursday, April 24, 5-45 p. m.—Tata Sports Club, or, B.E.S.T. v Young Jolly "A".

Friday, April 25, 5-45 p. m.—B B. & C. I. v. Young Jolly "B".

Saturday, April 26, 4-30 p. m.—Winners of South Kanara "D" or Khar Young United "B" v. Kirkee Heroes or, St. Francis Sports Club.

Saturday, April 26, 5-45 p. m.—Winners of South Kanara "A" and Martand Vijaya v. Jagannath Fishermen "A".

RANGERS MOVE UP IN BEIGHTON CUP

CALCUTTA, April 17.

Two matches were decided this evening in the Beighton Hockey Cup Tournament. The Rangers, who were runners-up to the Police in the Calcutta League, beat East Bengal by two goals to nil.

In spite of extra time being played, the Measurer and the East Indian Railway (Central) played a draw, each side scoring once.—A. P.

FAIR MAXIMUM PRICES FOR BURMA RICE

The Government of Bombay has notified fair maximum prices of leading varieties of Burma rice for wholesale and retail sales in Bombay City to be effective from Friday, April 18 to Thursday, April 24. The schedule of the prices is :

	Fair wholesale selling prices of importers. Quantity.	Rate. Rs.	Fair retail prices. Quantity	Rate. Rs.
Bassein Small Mills	168 lb.	11-10-0	Paylee	0-8-6
Amba More No. 1	do	13- 0-0	do	0-9-3
Amba More No. 2	do	12- 9-0	do	0-9-0
Halwa (Khananta)	do	11- 7-0	do	0-8-3
Madhia Mandla	do	13-11-0	do	0-9-9
Mandla Ordinary	do	13- 4-0	do	0-9-6
Sugandhi No. 1	do	13- 2-0	do	0-9-6
Sugandhi No. 2	do	12-15-0	do	0-9-3
Europe Quality	do	12- 6-0	do	0-9-0
Special	do	11- 4-0	do	0-8-3
Rangoon Small Mills	do	11- 6-0	do	0-8-3

The wholesale rate will be reduced by annas five per bag in cases in which sales are made on C.I.F terms direct from the docks for reshipment, and in cases in which delivery is given in railway wagons or in bullock carts or lorries for carriage inland from the docks, the rate will be less by annas two per bag. When sales are made by middlemen known as Vakharias and Chaparias, the addition to cover their expenses and profit to be made by them, to the importers' selling price will not be more than six annas per bag. The retail rates are for cash purchases.

Khadi And Village Industries Exhibition

LAD WADI AND RAM BAUG, C. P. TANK

To-day's (Friday) programme :—

4 p.m. (S.T.) : Hindustani Elocution Competition.

6-30 p.m. (S.T.) : Shri Narharibhai Parikh will speak on "The Place of Cattle in Indian Economy".

To-morrow's (Saturday) programme :

5-30 p.m. (S.T.) : Lecture by Shri Babalbhai Mehta. Subject : "How the Villager affects our Daily Life."

7-15 to 8-15 p.m. : "Nrityotsava" by the Kala Kendra Artists.

Admission for Nrityotsava is by ticket of annas six.

Exhibition time : 3-30 to 9-15 p.m. (S.T.).

Entrance fee for the Exhibition : Two annas.

For Children : Anna one only.

HINDUSTANI ELOCUTION COMPETITION

The Jt. Hon. Secretaries of the Khadi and Village Industries write :

Following are the judges for the Hindustani Elocution Competition to be held today (Friday) at the Lad Wadi, C. P. Tank at 4 p.m. (S.T.) :

1. Shri Umashankar Dixit, 2. Prof. Nadvi, 3. Shri Ranchhoddas Jani and 4. Shri Gokulbhai Bhatt.

Following are the winners of the Fancy Khadi Dress Competition held on Thursday, under the auspices of the Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition at Lad Wadi :—

FOR ARTISTIC MAKE UP :

1. Nalini Parikh. Dressed in Balika Dancer.
2. Kusum Vrajlal. Dressed in Milk-maid.

FOR ORIGINALITY :

1. Miss Bharati Mehta, Takli.
2. Master Pravinchandra, Tiger.

FOR COMIC

1. Master Sudhir Podwal, Clown
2. Master Azad Abid Ali, Half-man and Half-woman

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Parsi: Avan 15, 1310
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Sunset: 6h. 57m.
High tide: 4·10, 17·52
Low tide: 10·48, 00·00

VIDYADAINI SABHA—The office and the library of the Vidyadaini Sabha has been shifted to 31 Raghunath Dadaji Street, 1st Floor, Fort, Bombay as of 10th April, 1941.

ARYA MAHILA SAMAJ—Arya Mahila Samaj Arts and Handicrafts Exhibition open from 17th April to 20th April daily from 3 to 8 p.m. and on Sunday, the 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 3 to 8 p.m.

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AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Down Argentine Way" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Back Street". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"High Sierra", Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Lady in Question". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Laugh It Off". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Pardesi" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Radhika" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Naya Sansar" Daily at 3-30, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
WEST END—"Ghar-Jawai" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
MINERVA—"Lagan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Prabhat" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Ummeed" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Padosi" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
EDWARD—"Sign of the Cross" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Punarmilan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"Rebecca" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Kum-Kum" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Nartaki" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS—A public study class on the subject of "The Mystery of the Ego" from "The Key to Theosophy" by H. P. Blavatsky, will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain.

CITY FATHERS' ROUND—The Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 18, on Saturday, the 19th April at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.) at the junction of De Lisle Road and Gokhale Road and will go round with them in the Ward.

MUSLIM STUDENTS' UNION—Under the auspices of the Union, Mr. Roshanalli Bhimjee of Rangoon will deliver a public lecture on "Indians in Burma" to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. in the Union Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge.

BOMBAY HINDI VIDYAPEETH—A Hindi Class for Sahitya Ratna examination of Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayag, will be started on Sunday, 20th April at 2-30 p.m. Admission forms can be had in the office of Bombay Hindi Vidyapeeth, Marwari Vidyalaya Bhawan, Sandhurst Road, Girgaon.

A debate in Hindi will be held on Sunday at 6-30 p.m. at the above place, the subject being "The Western Civilisation has crushed the Indian Civilisation."

Messrs. G. A. Kumar and Co. will sing a few theatrical songs on Saturday, 19th April at 6-15 p.m. at the above place.

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City Exhibition

VISITORS EVINCE KEEN INTEREST IN SUGAR SECTION

About thirty tins of sugar-cane juice have been utilised for demonstration purposes, in the "sugar section" of the Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition, since it was declared open.

The increasing interest taken by a large number of citizens, has compelled the authorities to use more sugar-cane juice and with the arrival of a fresh contingent of sugar-cane juice, five tins were emptied on Thursday between 3-30 p.m. and 9 p.m.—two more tins than those consumed in the earlier days.

Keen interest was taken by the visitors in what is known as the "centrifugal machine" worked by hand.

The actual process of sugar-making requires nine days. The sugar-cane juice is filtered to remove peculences and then boiled to the boiling-point and subsequently it is mined with the juice of ladies' fingers. It is then kept for eight days to be crystallised.

The contents are then poured into the "centrifugal machine" which when revolved for about five minutes, separates sugar from the molasses by means of a perforated fine wire gauge. As the refined sugar travels into a trough at the base, samples are given to the visitors to be tasted.

Mr. Gajanan Naik, trained at the Wardha centre and the supervisor of Palm Gul Laboratory, Bordi, at Thana District, is in charge of this section.

Over five hundred students attended the exhibition on Thursday. Probably fearing a large invasion by the Matriculation students whose examinations will be over on Friday (to-day) the students of the lower classes made their visit earlier.

Narhari Parikh's Lecture

Under the auspices of the Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition, Mr. Narhari Parikh, Director of Harijan Ashram, Sabarmati will deliver a public lecture on "The place of the cow in India's economy" at Lad Wadi, C. P. Tank, to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.).

City Corporation Adjourns

The Municipal Corporation adjourned on Thursday without transacting any business. The adjournment was moved by Dr. G. R. A. Shaikh and seconded by Mr. Fathemahomed Munshi and was carried. Under the Municipal Act no reason is assigned for adjournment but it was apparently meant for the death of the mother of H. E. H. the Nizam.

Relief To Scarcity Areas

The Government of Bombay has declared the existence of scarcity conditions in the Bijapur, Indi, Sindgi and Muddebihal Talukas of the Bijapur District from April 15.

A sum of Rs. 25,000 has been allotted for gratuitous relief to the distressed in the affected areas.

POLICE SEARCHES IN DACCA

Municipal Vice-Chairman In Arson Charge

DACCA, April 17.

The Vice-Chairman of the Dacca Municipality, was arrested last night. It is alleged, on a charge of arson, but was later released on a bail of Rs. 8,000.

One stray assault was reported yesterday at Nawabgunj, but no incident was reported till midday to-day. Shops and educational institutions continue to be closed.

The residences of two University Professors were searched yesterday in connection with the alleged murder of a student at Ramna on Sunday.—A. P.

SUBURBAN BOARD ELECTIONS

Nationalist Block To Contest

The M. P. C. C. having ordered that no Congressman should contest the ensuing election to the Suburban District Local Board, certain well-meaning men have formed a Nationalist bloc to prevent the going in of self-seekers and avert the harm that the absence of Congressmen might do to public good. Last time the Congress Party had a majority of seats in the Board of which Mr. Jabir Ali was President.

The Nationalists in the field are Messrs. V. M. Astik, V. N. Purau and K. C. Mahar for the Chembur Constituency; Messrs. B J. Dalal, Chakrabhuj Hansraj and N. B. Desai for Malad Constituency and Mr. Gokuldas Shroff for Verswakar Constituency.

BOMBAY SUBURBAN DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

(From Our Correspondent.)

ANDHERI, April 17.

At the special meeting of the members of the Suburban District Congress Committee, held on Wednesday evening, it was resolved that owing to imprisonments of most of the members of the Committee during Satyagraha, the constitution of the Committee be suspended at present and that full authority and powers be given to Secretary of the Committee Syt. Indravadan Oza.

Case Against Kolhapur Journalist

(From Our Correspondent).

KOLHAPUR, April 17.

The case against the Editor of 'Vidyavilas' was fixed for hearing to-day but the Magistrate postponed it to April 23. A large crowd had gathered to hear the case.

A batch of 500 farmers from Kagal Jagir marched on Kagal House to demand reduction in land rent and provision of drinking water. The Jagirdar not being in, the peasants were disappointed.

BOMBAY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI, April 17.

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Conference of which Sir T. B. Sapru is the Chairman, will be held at Allahabad on April 27.—A. P.

Bombay Motor-Boat Patrol

Mixed Crew Of Civilians Who Guard Coast At Night

Curling waves capped with white spray slip away on either side of the slim bows of our motor-boat, as we speed through the quiet waters of Bombay harbour, leaving a foamy swirling wake behind us. I am returning to the dockyard in one of the vessels of the Bombay Night Motor-boat Patrol, on the conclusion of its period of duty, writes the special correspondent of the Associated Press

Through many hours of darkness, we have patrolled the harbour, a task which is trying and often monotonous, and indeed somewhat eerie as we pass the dim shapes of blacked-out ships outlined by the moon, anchored dhows rocking gently in the swell, and see in the distance the skyline of Bombay with the lights of its buildings carefully dimmed.

The Night Motor-boat Patrol started its activities last September, and is officered entirely by civilians. All are volunteers and there is the keenest competition to join. They are drawn from astonishingly variegated walks of life, and include a High Court Judge, Railway Officials, Bank Managers, a Civil Aviation Expert, men in the motor-car business, Engineers, accountants and a Parsi millionnaire race horse owner. They receive no pay. But have been granted honorary commissions in the Royal Indian Naval Reserve.

The primary objects of the patrol are to keep the harbour clear of traffic and watch for enemy activity during the night.

A. P. REGRETS FOR WRONG REPORT

BOMBAY, April 17.

On the 13th April, a report was circulated from Baroda stating that a number of lady students of the Arya Kanya Vidyalaya, Baroda, fell from horse back and were injured—some seriously—when the horses became restive. The Associated Press is now informed that the report is entirely wrong, and that no girl student either fell down or was injured.

The Associated Press regrets that a wrong report of this nature was circulated.—A. P.

Situation In Gotegaon Under Control

NAGPUR, April 17.

There was rioting in Gotegaon on April 14, resulting in four persons being injured.

An order under Section 144, Cr. P. C., banning assembly of five or more persons has been promulgated. The Police authorities and the Commissioner of the Jubbulpore Division have proceeded to Gotegaon. The situation is now stated to be under control.

The cause of the riot, however is not known.—United Press.

LOCAL BOARD ELECTION.

Congress has captured uncontested 11 out of 23 Non-Mahomedan seats. Nominations of two Congress candidates standing from Hansot constituency were rejected. They have appealed to the Collector.

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A TIMELY WARNING

On the eve of a fateful debate on India in the House of Commons Pandit Hirdaynath Kunzru, President of the Servants of India Society, has done well to warn the British Government that the only way they can retrieve their blunder in this country is to accept immediately and wholly the resolutions of the Bombay Conference. He went so far as to urge the people so to press forward the resolutions as to "make it clear to the British Government that the days that she can govern us without our consent are gone for ever, never to return." The war situation is such that the implementing of the Bombay proposals is essential for safeguarding the interests of India. For then alone can there be maximum co operation between the people and Government and the maximum war effort the country is capable of making. For anyone to say that already there is maximum effort and that there is really no deadlock is to betray dangerous, almost criminal, folly. Pandit Kunzru stated a plain truth when he said that if the Government continued to remain unrepresentative and unresponsive to public opinion, "a serious situation would arise which would affect not merely the internal position, but also the international situation."

Untenable Objection

It is said that Delhi officials are seriously objecting to the transfer of the Defence and Finance portfolios to inexperienced Indian hands in the midst of the war This is an untenable objection for experienced officials are always there to give the Government their expert advice. Moreover, a number of competent Indians are available who are thoroughly capable of formulating sound general policies in matters of Defence and Finance. After all, they are best fitted to view policies from the point of view of India and to ensure the full co-operation of the people who pay the taxes and loans and otherwise help war effort. Unlike some other Liberals, Pandit Kunzru laid as much stress on a definite declaration about Swaraj as on the Indianisation of the Central Government. He felt, on the strength of the information available to him, that "the Indian authorities were not averse to the idea of a time limit." But he rightly added that in no circumstances would the people be content with the vague promises given by Britain in 1930, "a promise towards the fulfilment of which no approach had been made yet." To many of the promoters of the Bombay Conference, as to Pandit Kunzru, a time limit for the grant of Swaraj is indispensable for any kind of settlement. Without it they will have nothing to do with the Central Government.

Congress Attitude

Pandit Kunzru naturally considered the question what might be the attitude of the Congress if the Bombay proposals were accepted by Government, and he suggested that it would be right for other parties to join the Central Government even without the Congress. We have already expressed our view that if the Bombay proposals are accepted in their entirety there is a fair chance of the Congress reconsidering its whole policy or at least of maintaining a benevolent neutrality towards the new Government but that it would be relentless if the proposals were whittled down. Congressmen will wait and see how precisely the British Government react to the Bombay proposals and what they will say at the forthcoming India debate. Congress attitude will, and should, depend upon Government's response to people's demands. And in any case Congressmen will display perfect discipline and loyalty to their chosen leader and accepted policy.

End Of Yugo-Slavia?

Attacked from several directions with two hours' warning it was not to be expected that the Yugoslavs would be able to fight German tanks and aeroplanes for long. They resisted heroically but opportunities and tremendous odds were against and they have, for all practical purposes, collapsed. It is, of course, disappointing that they could not hold out for more than ten days and that their divisions on the Albanian frontier were unable to break up Il Duce's forces But no blame attaches to them for their failure and their eventual defeat. They were ill-armed and ill-equipped. British and American assistance could not reach them and the only help Russia could give them was a mild verbal rebuke addressed to Hungary in reply to the latter's note to Moscow. And so Yugoslavia, which rose barely a fortnight ago, has fallen. But it has not fallen before inflicting heavy losses on the invader and, particularly, in the domain of the Fuhrer's economic plans.

The centre of gravity has now shifted to Greece, and it has shifted rapidly. What is worse, the situation there is by no means satisfactory. Indeed, it is quite serious. The German offensive started on Monday has developed quickly. And it seems that Nazi forces have broken through Greek lines at one place in the north and are trying to approach Kalalabaka from where they would seriously threaten British forces So that even if they have not pierced Allied lines in Mount Olympus sector the position is by no means happy and free from serious dangers. The British Command has now to consider its strategy from two different points of view: the first is, of course, the best method of resisting the Germans in Greece. But in case things go irretrievably wrong—and nothing is unlikely now after the collapse of Yugoslavia—the problem of evacuating the British forces will have to be faced. The other day Mr. Churchill very plainly declared in the Commons that the despatch of the British Expeditionary Force to Greece was a "hazard". If this was realised it can be hoped that the question of successfully withdrawing the force—with its equipment—has also been fully considered. This force will, moreover, prove really effective in North Africa.

Frankly Speaking

Vichy's Policies

An article in the London "Times", which unofficially reflects the feelings of the British Government, gave the other day a kind of indirect warning to Vichy against the latter's pro-Nazi and anti-British activities, hinting also that German forces could not have reached Tripoli without some French assistance. Now there is a report from Washington suggesting that Marshal Petain has asserted himself over Admiral Darlan and has just thwarted a move by the latter to bring certain French fleet units from North Africa to Toulon. It is also reported that the Marshal has issued special written instructions forbidding the movement of any French warship without his prior knowledge. If these reports are true—they are altogether unofficial—they indicate a welcome change of policy in Vichy. They also dispose of—if nothing more—any anxiety over General Huntziger's visit to North Africa. But if they are not correct, then there must attach an important note of interrogation to the Vichy War Minister's visit.

Aosta To Surrender

An envoy of the Duke of Aosta is reported to have arrived at General Cunningham's headquarters on Wednesday. He must, naturally, have come to discuss the terms upon which the Duke might surrender. We hope this problem will be smoothly settled and that the East African campaign will be formally at an end within a few days. Its importance cannot be over-emphasized. Now that the South African Government have decided to allow their troops to fight elsewhere in Africa too, a very considerable force of British and South African troops can—if the Duke of Aosta surrenders—be despatched immediately for the North African theatre of war and can make its presence effectively felt there. If the British become strong enough to take the initiative, as a Russian Military Expert suggests, and if, with help of the R.A.F. and the Royal Navy, they bring off some important victories in North Africa they will, at least in one respect, redeem Allied reverses in the Balkans.

A Persistent Complaint

It is a relief to learn that the political prisoners who went on hunger-strike in Thana Jail on Monday as a protest against bad food supplied to them have called off the strike on an assurance by Government that suitable food will be supplied in future. It is to be hoped that the assurance will be honourably carried out. Sheer humanity and considera ions of health in jails demand that prisoners should be given whole some food, as far as possible such as they are accustomed to. It is said that conditions in Yeravda Central Prison, too, are unsatisfactory in several respects and that consequently the health of several prisoners is deteriorating. We trust representations which, we understood, have been made in this matter will be promptly considered before the prisoners are driven to a feeling of despair.

Home For Released Prisoners

Presiding over the annual general meeting of the Bombay Released Prisoners' Aid Society on Wednesday, Mr. R. P. Masani emphasized the need for an industrial home where released prisoners could be given shelter and taught useful work. The suggestion is a sound one as jails do not systematically or adequately teach any remunerative work. Secondly, most employers fight shy of engaging released convicts. If the latter join an industrial home for a time and are certified by its conductors to have learned some trade and also to have improved in character, they will find it easier to get suitable employment. A large enough industrial home will, of course, be costly. But it is worth the necessary expenditure, and it should not be beyond the combined resources of Government, the Municipality and the public.

Explosion In Hitler's Larder

Balkan Plans Of The Nazis

By LEONARD INGRAMS (in a recent B. B. C. Talk)

The last thing that Hitler wanted, was a campaign in the Balkans and the unstable conditions of transport and supply which this war means.

Ever since Hitler came into power, this war has been planned by Germany, and the first thing that people must do, when they sit and plan to conquer and rule the world, is to make sure that the war machine which is to turn out the weapons for the soldiers, can keep a steady flow of raw materials into the factories, and that the soldiers and munitions workers can get enough to eat.

And so it was that for years preceding the war, bands of busy little men in black suits, called Trade Delegations, visited time and again the Balkan capitals from Berlin, and negotiated with the local politicians things that they called Trade Agreements, and returned to Berlin.

These Trade Agreements laid down what the Balkan countries should grow, for shipment to Germany, and what they should make for shipment to Germany and what they should receive from Germany in return, and they defined the prices that there were to get for their product because under a set system of German high finance Germany could pay good prices.

It didn't much matter in fact, what price she paid, for it would be years before anyone discovered that the money they were getting for their goods would not buy for them what they wanted, because it was not to be had in the shops.

These Trade Agreements, like cuckoos' eggs, were laid by these busy little men in black coats in country after country and the local politicians, like the birds who find cuckoos' eggs in their nests, seemed to take rather a pride in them, and it was not till the greedy chicks hatched out, that they began to realise the true nature of the ruse, and how their own people were having to do without things in order to feed the cuckoo's chicks.

They found to their disappointment how meatless days became necessary on the fertile pasture lands of Hungary and how bread lines formed themselves among the wheat fields of Rumania.

As far as Germany was concerned, this was fine. The Balkans had taken their place in her war machine, and the only thing to ensure was that they should stay put, and go about their sowing and reaping and their mining, weaving and spinning in tranquillity.

Then Hitler could snap his fingers at the British blockade, as long as he could ensure himself a regular flow of supplies from and through the Balkans.

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The explosion in the Balkans in an explosion in the German larder and an explosion in the larder is pretty serious at a time when you cannot restock it from outside. It was not Hitler, but Mussolini, who first disturbed the Balkan peace, and he would certainly not have done so, or been permitted to do so, had he imagined for a minute what the Greeks would do to him.

Quite contrary to plans, the Greeks not only defended themselves bravely, but they went far to throwing them bodily out of Albania. Such in fact is his trouble, that Hitler is forced to go to his aid, quite contrary to plans.

That might have been all right, and the Yugoslavs been ready to see their hard won independence signed away by politicians in Vienna; and not only in Vienna, but, of all places in the Belvedere Palace, which every patriotic Serb associates with years of national repression under Franz Josef, and to which von Ribbentrop, with the common tactlessness of his class, had bidden the Yugoslav delegates to meet him in order to sign their country away.

They signed, and out came Dr. Goebbels with his bouquet of compliments about this enlightened nation, which had proudly joined his Axis club—and then the people spoke, as free people will when their representatives betray their trust.

They had hostile intentions against no one, but wanted simply to maintain the integrity of their own inheritance, a free country, and their young King at the head of them was showing them the way, not only willing to keep peace and good order, but determined to resist aggression, as his father had done before him, and fight if need be, as his father had fought before him.

A fearful dilemma for Hitler, who desperately needs railway communication through Yugoslavia to supply his army in Bulgaria, and he will run the gravest risks in his supply position, if he disturbs the Balkan peace

And so, to the disgust of everybody, even the German themselves in Yugoslavia, the German propaganda machine drags out the old, discredited piece about atrocities and threats of revenge. The enlightened folk of last week are the ruffians of to-day

For my part, I was waiting for the pregnant German woman to be murdered. We had her in the Sudetenland and we had her in Poland, and she used always to be used as a signal that German aggression would follow on the next day. I have been waiting, too, for the documents to be found, documents to prove that Germany has been threatened, and I have heard that they have been found—in France, this time, and they prove the culpability of Greece.

I expect they are very incriminating—I can imagine that the

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WINDFALL FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Railway Receipts Exceed Budget Anticipations

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, April 17.

Unexpected windfalls have come to General Revenues according to figures just published.

Railway surplus for the year 1940-41 which, according to Revised Estimates was put as fourteen and half crores is expected to go up to sixteen and half crores as actual receipts have exceeded budget anticipations by 195 lakhs.

This will mean an addition of one crore to General Revenues as one half of the additional surplus now available will be given to General Revenues.

The financial effect of the Indo-Burma Trade Agreement is being carefully worked out but it is certain that it will bring an additional revenue of 60 to 65 lakhs during the current year—largely due to the stoppage of preference rate for Burma kerosene.

Revenue receipts last year show a big fall of three crores in salt collections during the eleven months ended February.

Total revenue collections under all heads for 11 months have amounted to 71 crores as against the budget anticipation of 89 crores for the whole year March being the last month of the year, may show considerable increase in collections under Income-Tax and certain other heads so that the total revenue for the year will probably not fall short of Revised Estimates though there is a gap of 18 crores to be made up.

March figures disclose a big drop—nearly 50 per cent—in Excise collections but Customs Receipts show a small improvement of 19 lakhs as compared with the previous month. Still taking all factors together, and assuming there has been no abnormal increase in expenditure, deficit for the year 1940-41 may actually be less than anticipated.

WHY HINDI-URDU CONTROVERSY?

Raja Of Salempur Blames Communalists

LUCKNOW, April 17.

The Raja of Salempur in the course of a statement deprecates the Hindi-Urdu controversy in the Province and blames communalists for introducing the controversy in the body-politics.

Explaining how Urdu came to stay. The Raja of Salempur says: "during the Muslim reign in India, the court language was Persian. As the Muslim kings always gave responsible offices to and had intimate dealings with Hindu rajas and nobles, during the Moghul period the language was a mixture of Hindu and Muslim cultures; in this attempt to evolve common brotherhood of the rulers and the ruled, a language grew up first in military barracks, then in bazaars and was finally adopted in social circles. This was 'Urdu'.

The language which grew up could, just as French on the Continent, be understood in every part of the country or wherever Indians had contacts.

"Language", he says, "is a daily necessity. No one could force a certain language upon a people. Simple "Hindustani" or "Urdu" is the language which 95 per cent of the people of India claim as their mother tongue. The criterion on which its popularity should be judged is the way in which it is taught to the people and spoken by them in the bazaars, in their daily transactions or in society."

The Raja of Salempur concludes with an appeal to the press to create an atmosphere of goodwill and harmony and try to create brotherly feelings between the different communities.—A. P.

Madras Civic Address To Mr. Jinnah

Pakistan, Only Solution Of India's Complex Problem Says League Leader

MADRAS, April 17.

"Whatever I do and propose, either in the Municipal field or in the political field, let me assure you it is done with a view to bringing greater harmony and better amity among the various nations of this country," declared Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League replying to the Civic address presented by the City Council this evening.

Mr. Jinnah said that India was a very complicated and most complex problem. It was a subcontinent with four hundred million people. Sometimes when new ideas were pressed, they were resented, he said, because of prejudices, sentiments, and subtle notions. But he was sure the time was not far off when the whole of India and all communities would see that the cause he was advocating was the only solution and a permanent solution which would not only enable them to attain the fullest freedom but would also enable them to retain it successfully.

He thanked the members of the Corporation and wished them god-speed in their efforts in the true interest and welfare of the citizens of Madras.

ADDRESS IN SILVER CASKET

The address which was presented by Mr. C. Basudev, Mayor, enclosed in a silver casket, referred to Mr. Jinnah's long association with the public life of this country and paid him a tribute for his striking patriotism and zeal in boldly championing the rights and liberties of our motherland. It also referred to the harmony and amity with which the people of various communities lived in Madras and hoped Mr. Jinnah's presence here would cement the bonds still further and bring the communities together in a spirit of real understanding and co-operation for the common good of the country.—A. P.

Our Readers' Views

Bar Council Advocates Examination

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—We unlucky emergents from the last Bar Council Advocates' Examination greatly deplore the rejection by the High Court of a proposal made by the Bar Council to hold two more examinations than the scheduled closure permitted The rejection has worked great hardship to those like me who have been successful in one of the groups and were eager to get through the second. Extension of the period by a year or so would not have mattered much to the High Court, and it would have given great relief to the one group successful candidates. Will you Sir, not discuss the question in the light of the above suggestion in your esteemed paper?

Thanking you.—Yours, etc.,

M. M. VAIDYA.

(A one group pass Candidate)

A Harijan's Appeal

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—Gujarati Bhangi Harijans of Gujarat and Kathiawar generally known as Dhed Vankars should be given special preference in the public services in the Government Department, semi-Government Departments, municipalities and hospitals.

Similar preference should also be given to the post of vacancy occurred by any old person retiring or being dead and such post should be given to unemployed Bhangi Harijan.

By such promotion to Bhangi Vankar Dhed of Gujarat and Kathiawar starvation will be removed and their children will bless the high officials for such appointments.—Yours, etc.,

B. J. SHAH.

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WITHOUT COMMENT—

Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, announced that a 40 million dollar loan was granted to Messrs. Brown and Williamson, a tobacco corporation, "in line with the policy of the United States Government to require liquidation of British-owned American investments for the purpose of providing funds for the purchase of supplies in this country.

—Washington Report.

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The South African Assembly has now passed the second reading of the Bill to allow Asiatics and coloured persons to own land in certain areas.

Wonderful, oh, how immensely, astoundingly wonderful!

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We gather from a Lucknow report that Professor K. T. Shah, Honorary General Secretary of the National Planning Committee, interviewed Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

What, in the name of all the jail rules of the U. P., did the Superintendent allow such an interview? Where IS Sir Maurice Hallet and what is he doing?

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A friend points out that the Muslim League Sessions at Madras was not attended by any Minister or Parliamentary Secretary from any of the Muslim Provinces.

Perhaps not. But it was full of hopefully would-be Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries etc.

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There is a report from London that Germany is building fortifications along her frontiers with Russia.

A few more reports of this kind and Russia will be obliged to emphasise their non accordance with facts by entering into a mutual assistance pact.

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The Japanese Minister in Australia declares that the Russo-Japanese neutrality pact did not mean any threat of drive to the South.

Which, therefore, further confirms our view of the Russo-Japanese Pact.

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It is confirmed that the Duke of Aosta has sent an envoy to General Cunningham.

It was time he did so. In fact, it was very rude of the Duke of Aosta that, while a man went up all the way to Addis Ababa he not only declined to see him but actually left the capital.

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An Italian communique complained on Wednesday that "the British are defending Tobruk tenaciously supported by naval units."

The complaint is just and the Italians will now be fully entitled to punish these naval units by sending their own naval units

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American Flour For Vichy

—Headline

And Vichy flowers for Germany

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An air raid warning, it is reported, was sounded in Vichy and the surrounding district at mid night on Wednesday.

Marshal Petain had better regard this as a warning not to be too alert where the Admirable Darlan is concerned.

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"Could you let me have—er—a banker's reference, sir?" said the house agent, negotiating a sale 'Just a formality, you know."

"I could," replied the client, "but it would only distress you."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The telescope lends enchantment to the distant view.

A heart full of grace is better than a head full of notions.

When everybody else is satisfied the reformer has the blues.

Talent is of no use to the man who hasn't the courage to make use of it.

When a man runs short in his accounts he is likely to run long in his travels.

Love may make the world go round, but it takes marriage to square things.

London's Biggest Air Raid

Skies Lit Up With Flashes Of Flame

GAY WEST END PRESENTS GRUESOME SCENE

Lord Stamp Killed: Heroic Deeds Of Defence Services

LONDON, April 17.

WITH THE R.A.F TEARING THROUGH THE NIGHT SKY AND WITH SHELLS THRASHING THE HEAVENS INTO SHEETS OF FLAME, WAVE AFTER WAVE OF GERMAN BOMBERS CROSSED AND RECROSSED LONDON DURING MOST OF THE HOURS OF DARKNESS OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND THURSDAY MORNING.

THE RAID WAS VERY HEAVY AND WAS THE WORST EVER EXPERIENCED.

SEVEN BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

For hours explosives were dropped at frequent intervals and a number of fires were caused.

Legions of fire watchers and firemen defeated the raiders in their major endeavour and the fires were quickly extinguished.

The night called for many feats of quiet heroism and five enemy bombers were shot down.

BOMBER CRASHES ON SHOPPING CENTRE

One of the German bombers brought down last night descended in the region of the fashionable West End shopping centre of Kensington High Street. The second was brought to earth near the famous Wimbledon Tennis Courts.

Two enemy fighter bombers were destroyed in the Straits of Dover this morning.

HEAVY AND SUSTAINED ATTACK.

The official announcement on Wednesday night's raid states "last night enemy aircraft made a very heavy and sustained attack on London. The attack began soon after dark, and continued throughout the night until shortly before dawn. Early reports show that casualties were heavy and considerable damage was done.

Bombs were dropped outside London, mainly in the home counties and in the South-East. Nowhere in these areas were the number of casualties large or the damage extensive.

LORD STAMP KILLED.

The death of Lord and Lady Stamp from enemy action is announced.

Lord Stamp whose death with that of Lady Stamp from enemy action has been announced was one of Britain's chief economists and not long before the war broke out the Government made him their Chief Economic Adviser on all matters of high financial policy.

Lord Stamp, whose career was an amazing success story, rose from a fifteen-shillings a week boy to the highest business appointments in the land. Among other activities he was President of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, a Director of the Bank of England and Imperial Chemical Industries, and economic expert and Adviser to the Government. He was one of the busiest men in the country.

It is now revealed that the death of Lord Stamp occurred during last night's raid and rescue workers are still digging to recover the bodies.

The bodies of Lord Stamp and his heir, Hon. Wilfred Stamp have been recovered from the wreckage of their house in Shortlands, Kent. The search is continuing for Lady Stamp.

Other raid victims include Lord Auckland, who was an air pilot and A. L. Bowlly who was a well-known crooner, both being killed in London.

Joshia Charles Stamp, created a Peer in 1938 was born in June 1880, educated at London University, gaining various distinctions. He was Chairman of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co., since October 1927 and served on May Royal Commissions and Committees. He was elected a Director of the Bank of England and a fellow of the British Academy in 1928. He was also a director of the Novel Industries Ltd. and Imperial Chemical Industries and has several publications to his credit on Taxation, Banking and Public Finance.

FULL STORY OF RAID

An air raid alarm sounding at an early hour in London on Wednesday night introduced what shortly afterwards appeared to be one of the biggest raids on the British metropolis for sometime.

Enemy planes began to drone their way over London in waves immediately after the sirens had died away. Anti-aircraft guns hurled shells into the air over a wide area with the heaviest racket of this year. Over one outer area a large number of flares lit up the streets and many planes were heard flying much lower than in previous raids.

One German bomber was blown out of the sky within a few minutes of the alert when flying at about 5,000 feet. High explosive bombs fell in one London area soon after the alert. R A F fighters soared to attack the "Luftwaffe" and machine-gun fire was heard as the enemy was engaged.

The defence services were mobilised in force. Hundreds of firemen were called out and rescue and first aid parties dealt with casualties as high explosives crashed down.

The dropping of flares heralded the return of raiders after a brief lull, but most of these were shot out of the sky. Scores of fire bombs were dropped to be followed almost immediately by high explosive bombs, but most of the incendiaries were extinguished.

With the dawn came the realisation that last night's raid on London was the worst ever experienced.

Among the buildings damaged was a well-known hotel. A shopping centre was also damaged. There was some destruction in commercial quarters. There were a number of casualties—mainly women and children—when a surface shelter was wrecked.

The injured were dragged from the debris by Rescue Squads who worked by the light of falling German flares.

WEST END BOMBED, BLASTED AND BURNED

Last night's London raid is productive of countless stories of heroism, reckless bravery, stoicism encurance and even humour, the latter, coming from a working man who complained that he forgot the key of his home but that it did not matter because when he reached it he had no home to open with the keys. The buildings destroyed include churches, hospitals, cinemas, shops, warehouses and countless dwelling houses, casualties in which have been very heavy.

BOMBED, BLASTED AND BURNED

West End, the centre of London's theatreland and night life, was bombed, blasted and burned; yet here, too, the oddest escapes occurred, viz. a telephone kiosk was inextricably tangled with other debris on the edge of a crater. Yet a few yards away, a trench shelter escaped with the slightest casualties. Restaurants, public houses and Cafes burned out and their contents were caught by blast and hurled or spilled into the roadways.

A STREET SCENE

In one street, a wrecked Night Club proprietor on firewatching duty was killed and in other streets early morning workers made their way to work ploughing through tiles, broken glass and water from the fire-hoses over which they scrambled, treading between fire-engines with the fire men still playing the hoses on many blazing buildings.

ROADS OBSTRUCTED.

Many roads were obstructed countless thousands having to walk to work or take bus journeys which took even longer than walking. Over a wide area of the West End there was no gas or other heating and restaurants were selling only cold food and drinks. Members of a Rescue Squad in this area were all killed when a bomb fell in front of the car in which they were speeding to a bombing incident.

A SORRY SPECTACLE

Fashionable West End shop fronts, famous the world over, presented a sorry spectacle this morning, the window displays being shattered, plate glass lying on the footway and gowns hanging drunkenly on bent or battered supports. Occupants who spent the night in shelters had in many instances to dig their way through wreckage to the front doors when they returned to their homes this morning. Several areas included among the killed and wounded members of the Home Guard.

HOSPITALS HIT

One hospital which was happily empty after a previous bombing and only used as a day clinic was hit again but it is to reopen in a day or two. Of three raiders brought down one crashed in flames with the bombs still aboard and exploded in an open ground. The occupants who escaped by parachute were later captured by local residents. In another hospital which was bombed not a single patient was hurt.

CHURCH IN RUINS

Five firewatchers were killed at a church to which they rushed when they heard bombs whistling down, yet a 95 year old man buried next door to the church was rescued unhurt, though the church was a mass of ruins. Firemen operating at a water tower at another London church were killed when a high explosive bomb fell at the foot of the ladder which crashed over the church.

SHATTERED LONDON

A Junkers 88 bomber crashed in a field on the outskirts of a village in another area early to-day, following a burst of machine-gun fire which was heard overhead immediately prior to the crash. The crew were all killed.

While London presents a somewhat shattered appearance today, life goes on more or less as usual and it is interesting to note that by the afternoon, most of the transport services were returning to normal. So efficient is the work of demolition and clearing of debris obstructing thoroughfares.

NIGHT OF TERRIFIC INCIDENTS

Smoke Begrimed and Unshaven I face the new day after what has been a night of terrific incidents, writes "Reuter's" staff reporter. For hours sheltering beneath a steel Helmet I watched the German "Luftwaffe" do its worst. Low flying bombers came over in a wave shortly after dark and they continued their fell work throughout the long hours of the night. At least one of the attackers was shot down early in the raid and firewatchers waiting to pounce on incendiaries cheered madly.

Early raiders dropped Chandelier type flares and in their wake searching for the prey came more and more drowning bombers. The boom of big guns, the popping staccato of pompons and the bark of guns of other calibres helped to render the night even more hideous. Time after time, as I watched the scheme, I saw the moon blotted out by a pall of smoke rising from burning buildings on which, drawn as by some mystic magnetism, hoards of firemen and rescue workers immediately descended. At one time fires were burning all round me but disregarding the bombs firemen worked frenziedly and with magnificent heroism.

A raider hit early in the "Blitz" fell into a garden. Earlier gun flashes were seen around the machine and it suddenly blossomed into a blazing meteorite. Slowly it descended and from it four airmen baled out. All landed in a nearby park and all were quickly captured.

As I toured the streets I saw women helping their menfolk to extinguish fires—they were grand. A large bomb demolished a number of houses in one area and again women were wonderful. At 09.30 by the time the ordinary citizen had had his breakfast however. A good measure of order had already been restored and only here and there in the Metropolis did traffic have to be diverted from its accustomed route.—Reuter.

Japanese Navy Moves South

Move To Enforce Total Blockade Against China

TOKYO, April 17.

The entire South China coast from Chaochiow in the north to Pakhoi in the south is to be blocked by the Japanese navy, states the Domei Agency, which adds that as a result of this extension of blockade, all supply and trading routes for the Chungking regime through South China will be completely stopped.

An earlier Shanghai message stated:—

Japanese military and naval activities in South-China have increased following the conclusion of the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact, according to a report appearing in a local leading Chinese paper.

The report says that whole of the Japanese forces in South-China are now being reorganised for a possible southward penetration and that more than 20 Japanese submarines have appeared in South-China waters.

It is further stated that Japanese troops in Hainan, an island off the coast of French Indo-China, have been impressing upon able bodied Chinese workers to form a South-China Sea Transport Corps.—Reuter.

JAPANESE MINISTER CALLS ON THAI PREMIER

BANGKOK, April 17.

It is officially announced that the Japanese Minister called on the Thai Prime Minister and conversed on Foreign affairs for over an hour. Rear-Admiral Maida of the Japanese Navy also visited the Thai Prime Minister.—Reuter.

R. A. F. RAIDS OVER NORTH GERMANY

LONDON, April 17.

Widespread raids by the R. A. F. over north Germany particularly Bremen as well as a night attack on Brest and daylight raids on Heligoland and Belgium are the highlights of an Air Ministry "communique".

The "communique" states "the weight of last night's attack by aircraft of the bomber Command fell upon a number of north German towns but mainly on Bremen. Though Haze made it difficult to observe the full effects of the bombing, fires were seen to be spreading in many parts of Bremen. Wilhelmshaven, Cuxhaven and Wesermunde were among the other objectives attacked. Aircraft of the coastal Command bombed docks at Brest during the night.

In the course of widespread operations in daylight yesterday (Wednesday) a formation of Blenheim aircraft of the bomber Command attacked the island of Heligoland. Other Blenheim bombers escorted by fighters attacked the aerodrome at Berck Surmer and did considerable damage. From all these operations one aircraft of the bomber Command and three aircraft of the fighter Command are missing. One of the fighter pilots is safe. An aircraft of the coastal Command is missing from patrol yesterday".

AIR RAID ALARM IN VICHY

VICHY, April 17.

An air raid warning was sounded in Vichy and the surrounding district shortly before mid-night on Wednesday. The all clear was given an hour later.—Reuter.

R. A. F. POUNDS BOULOGNE

LONDON, April 17.

The R. A. F. attacked Boulogne with heavy bombs on Wednesday night, the rumble of explosions shaking a building on the English coast.

A fierce fire broke out on the French Cliffs. There was a vivid glow in the sky and from time to time great spurts of flame shot up as if a munition dump was exploding.—Reuter.

NEW CROAT GOVT.

BERLIN, April 17.

A new Croat Government was formed yesterday evening, says an Official German News Agency message from Budapest. Dr. Ante Pavelitch has been proclaimed President, Prime Minister and Foreign Minster. General Kvaternik is Deputy President and Commander-in-Chief of the Army, Navy and the Air Force and the Police.—Reuter.

LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE ON GREEK FRONT

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ther was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire.

DIFFICULTIES OF COMMANDERS

The difficulties which face the Allied Commanders in Greece were described in a message from the Athens radio. The broadcast said: "It is hoped the situation would take shape within the next few days. Greek troops and the British Empire forces under the supreme command of General Papagos have been fighting brave and skilful actions to enable the new line to be consolidated and have taken a heavy toll on the enemy."

The R.A.F. made constant attacks on enemy troops and transports and German mechanised columns have been repulsed by British Empire forces at many points and the Greeks claim to have inflicted serious losses on the enemy.

Evidence of damage inflicted by the Royal Air Force is provided by the fact that one squadron alone has already destroyed 100 enemy aircraft. In Athens, it is stated, ten enemy planes have been shot down during widespread raids on Greek towns.

GREEKS HOLD THEIR LINE

Earlier cables stated:—

The Greek army which has borne the brunt of the fresh enemy attack in Western Macedonia has inflicted serious losses on the Germans, according to the Athens radio.

In spite of their tremendous efforts, the Germans have been unable to pierce the new Greek line of resistance at any point.

The battle in Western Macedonia, which began the day before yesterday, is now in full progress, said the Athens radio on Wednesday night.

The announcer added that the Greek army had inflicted serious losses on the Germans. After their slight push westwards on Monday the Germans attempted to make further progress yesterday and brought very considerable forces into play supported by the German Air Force.

The announcer quoted a Greek press Ministry bulletin which said, "All ordered movements of our forces in taking up their new positions were effected without loss.

German advance in Western Macedonia is recorded in a Greek High Command communique broadcast by the Athens radio.

It says German force which penetrated into upper valley of the Haliakmon River, are in action in the region of Grevena trying to advance towards Kalabaka.

At the height of Kozani they advanced south of the Haliakmon. In the district south of Koritza, the Kasma Karit Gorge fell into the hands of the enemy.

Information from the two fronts adds nothing new, said the announcer of the Athens radio in a later broadcast on Wednesday night. The situation, of course, presents all those difficulties which are natural after enforced evacuation and transfer of the defensive line under enemy fire, he added.

Jinnah's Rejoinders To Rajen Babu

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and unconditional independence of India and for a declaration of the right of the people to frame their own constitution by means of the Constituent Assembly, which was to be elected on the basis of adult franchise and they made clear to me that the Congress was wholly unable to treat the Muslim League as the authoritative and representative organisation of the Muslims of India.

"WHOLLY UNACCEPTABLE".

Both these propositions were impossible and were wholly unacceptable to me, and every time I requested that the Hindu Muslim question must be settled first, I was told that the communal question could be settled after we had wrenched freedom of our country from the British; and that was also the position taken up by them before the Viceroy at the joint meeting on the 2nd of November 1939 when he requested us to put our heads together to come to a settlement. Even provisionally, without prejudice to the major issues. After this to say that I was elusive is hardly fair and to say that they were disappointed is really not the correct description of the result. The truth is that the Congress position has been most arrogant and dictatorial."—A. P.

The Government of Bombay has sanctioned the continuance of the Leather Working School, Khar, on a permanent basis.

CITY EXHIBITION

Children In Fancy Dress Draw Crowds

DECLARATION OF RESULTS IN HAND-SPINNING COMPETITION:

Children under 15 entertained a large audience for nearly half an hour on Thursday in a fancy dress competition at the Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition at Rambaug and Ladwadi.

A 2-year old baby won a first-prize in a comic item. The baby was dressed as a clown and its name is Gurdhir Kodwal. Azad won the second prize in the same category.

For originality, Miss Bharthi Mehta, a moving "takli," got the first prize. Pravin Chandra in a tiger's role secured the second prize.

Nalini Parekh came on the stage as a Balenese dancer and she got the first prize, while Kusum Vrajalal, in the clothes of a milk-maid, seized the second.

The whole group of young competitors attracted a large crowd after the show was over and before results were declared.

The wide response to the performance of the Kalekandra Party, some days ago, resulted in a terrific rush, with the result that more tickets were not available. There will be, therefore, another performance by the same troupe on Saturday at 7-15 p.m. The programme includes a number of dance items and other performances and special tickets of 6 annas will be issued in advance.

SPINNING COMPETITION

Results of the spinning on Charkha competition were declared on Thursday, at the Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition.

Among men, the following got the prizes:—

(1) Mr. Somabhai C. Patel, 490 2/3 yards, 33 1/2 counts, 67 strength and between second and third class evenness.

(2) Mr. Jaghubhai Motibhai, 410 2/3 yards, 37 1/2 counts, 60 strength and first-class evenness.

(3) Mr. Adityabhai H. Patel, 450 2/3 yards, 27 counts, 84 strength and second-class evenness.

WOMEN COMPETITORS

Among women the first prize has been awarded to Sulochanaben Choksi.

In view of the fine quality and evenness of her yarn, Maniben Purushottam Kanji who came second will also get the first prize.

The description of the yarn spun by the former was given as follows: 386 2/3 yards, 29 counts, 74 strength and second-class evenness and the latter's as 214 2/3 yards, 64 counts, 100 strength and evenness bordering between first and second-class.

Sumantben Jhaveri was awarded the third prize. The description reads as follows: 412 yards, 19 counts, 79 strength and evenness classified in the third category.

CHILDREN WINNERS

The following children received the prizes:—

(1) Vinodh Dayaldas (first prize): 349 1/3 yards, 31 1/2 counts, 66 strength and second-class evenness.

(2) Umkar Mama (second prize): 400 yards, 17 counts, 61 strength and fourth-class evenness.

(3) Hansa Motibai (third prize): 309 1/3 yards, 26 counts, 90 strength and fourth-class evenness.

There were about ninety competitors. The strength of the yarn spun by Mr. C. K. Narayanswami showed, perhaps, the best analysis.

Mr. Narayanswami spun 276 yards, with 23 3/4 counts, 114 strength and second-class evenness.

VICHY CABINET

Laval's Return To Power Considered Possible

The following cable has been received from London:— "The News Chronicle's Zurich Correspondent cabled on April 15:—

The Vichy correspondent of "La Suisse" considers M. Laval's return to power in the Vichy Cabinet as possible, and says 'the present military situation reinforces the position of a man who, after the French defeat, immediately declared himself in favour of co-operation with Germany.'

The writer believes that if M. Laval returns, some personal changes in the Vichy Cabinet are probable without modifying Admiral Darlan's present position but affecting general Huntziger, the Defence Minister.

General Huntziger is considered in informed circles to be a resolute opponent of concessions to Germany beyond the armistice conditions."—Reuter.

GERMANY MAY START DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE

MADRID, April 17.

Political limelight may again soon centre on Spain. The tone of the Spanish press together with certain other indications point to this possibility.

Messages from Berlin make evident that Germany intends to make the most of her apparent military successes for a renewed diplomatic offensive.—Reuter.

VON PAPEN FOR BERLIN

ANKARA, April 17.

German circles here declare that the German Ambassador, Von Papen, is leaving by special plane for Berlin on Thursday or Friday.

It is also rumoured that Count Schulenberg, the German Ambassador in Moscow, is also going to Berlin.—Reuter.

Anti-French Campaign In Italy

LONDON, April 17.

Messages from Rome state that the Italian press has opened a bitter campaign against France. Mussolini's paper 'Popolo d'Italia' says that the French people's hostile attitude to Germany and Italy is "completely unchanged" and in reality "a spiritual alliance between Britain and France still exists". "Mr. Churchill's recent statement concerning the feelings and sympathies of the French nation were correct" the paper adds "and for the first time, Mr. Churchill uttered the gospel truth".—Reuter.

Burdens For U. S. Taxpayers

Will Be Asked To Pay 3,500 Million More Dollars Next Year

LONDON, April 17.

U. S. TAXPAYERS TO PAY

United States taxpayers are to be asked to pay 3,500 million more dollars next year.

The Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Morgenthau announced that administration are asking for this amount of new taxes. That figure, he added, was reached on the basis that at least two-thirds of the expenditure ought to be raised by taxation. The expenditure for the fiscal year beginning 1/7 is estimated at nineteen thousand million dollars.

"Existing taxes will bring us just over 9,000 million dollars, leaving about three-and-half thousand million short of the amount of taxes we ought to raise" he said.

Apart from these new taxes, the Treasury will have to borrow 500 million dollars a month to meet the expenditures on Defence and the Lend and Lease Programme.—Reuter.

"DELIBERATE LIE"

WASHINGTON, April 17.

President Roosevelt through his private Secretary Stephen early characterised as a "deliberate lie" reports that United States Naval vessels were helping to convoy British ships across the Atlantic —Reuter.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX IN TANGANYIKA

DARESSALAAM, April 17.

A measure to impose Excess Profits Tax in Tanganyika is to be introduced in the Legislative Council by the Governor, Sir Mark Young. It is hoped to reach agreement as to the provision for reliefs with such other East African Dependencies as may decide to introduce a similar tax —Reuter.

Charles Boyer Film At Regal

Charles Boyer and Margaret Sullavan in 'Back Street' at Regal.

Ida Lupino and Humphrey Bogart in 'High Sierra' at Metro.

"HIGH SIERRA" AT METRO

Humphrey Bogart And Ida Lupino Ideally Matched

The peak of screen excitement is reached in "High Sierra", the Strand's new picture. Moving inexorably to his doom, "Mad Dog" Earle, as portrayed by Humphrey Bogart, is the enemy of all that is decent and good, defiant of every law on earth—except the High Sierras. He is a strange man and his is a strange story that grips your interest with its powerful fascination.

When the prison gates swing back to release Roy Earle, he is not yet a free man. First he must pay back the debt he owes to the mob leader who bought his pardon. Across the continent he rides, past the little farms like the one he lived on as a boy. When he is truly free there will be such a farm for him.

Humphrey Bogart is magnificently at home as Earle, playing the role with such a sureness that the grangster comes sharply to life as a man you pity, hate, love and fear. Ida Lupino gives poignantly dramatic interpretation of Marie, that definitely ranks with the finest screen work of the year.

Raoul Walsh's direction is superb throughout. Warner Brothers have made 'High Sierra' a very exciting film, particularly in the last sequences when the car chase starts and ends in the mountains.

Ginger Rogers in 'Kitty Foyle' R. K. O. picture shortly coming to Bombay.

"BACK STREET" AT REGAL

Charles Boyer And Margaret Sullavan In Great Love Story

Two of the screen's most favourite stars, Charles Boyer and Margaret Sullavan, have at last been teamed in the starring roles of a picture.

The picture is Universal's "Back Street" a picturization of Fannie Hurst's sensational and famous novel. It will be shown at the Regal Theatre from to-day.

Both Boyer and Sullavan have often expressed the wish to co-star in a picture, but, until the present, it has been found impossible so to cast them, due to the fact that one was always unavailable when the other was between pictures.

Recently, Universal Studios, to whom each of the players is under contract to do one or more pictures each year, decided to produce "Back Street" and turned the assignment over to Bruce Manning, young writer who had just been promoted to a producership. His instructions were to get the best stars available in Hollywood.

Manning then discovered that, for the first time in five years, neither Boyer nor Sullavan had any picture commitments which would call for their immediate services. He phoned each of them and told them what the story would be. They were delighted to play the roles of the great emotional story, and even more delighted when they learned that they were, at last, to be co-starred.

"Back Street" is the story of a girl who is content to live in the back street of a successful man's life, demanding nothing but that he loves her; helping him to a world-recognized success, while she herself remains in the shadows.

Miss Sullavan will be seen as the girl, with Charles Boyer as the man. Others in the cast are Richard Carlson, Frank McHugh, Tim Holt, Samuel S. Hinds and Frank Jenks.

Bruce Manning the producer rose to Hollywood fame as a scenarist of six of Deanna Durbin's very successful pictures. As his first chore in the production of "Back Street" he, with his collaborator, Felix Jackson, wrote the screenplay for the picture he was to produce.

Robert Stevenson, the Director, is one of the most brilliant young English directors ever to come to Hollywood. A novelist and playwright he has directed some of the best pictures ever made in the British Isles.

SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO

On Sunday April 20th at 10 A.M. Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney in "Boys Town", a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture.

"THE LADY IN QUESTION"

Brian Ahrene And Rita Hayworth In Unexpected Roles At Excelsior

Love makes the world go 'round and romance is not dead. That, obviously, was the message to be found in Columbia's delightful new comedy romance, "The Lady in Question," which stars Brian Aherne and Rita Hayworth at Excelsior.

Important, is the fact that the co-stars bring to the screen thoroughly delightful and completely new characterizations, splendid departures from their previous work. Mr. Aherne, hitherto one of the screen's handsomest leading men, proves himself one of the screen's finest character actors. Miss Hayworth, hitherto noted principally for her glamorous beauty and enviable wardrobe, proves herself one of the screen's most sincere actresses.

"The Lady in Question" tells of a kindly middle-aged bicycle shop proprietor who is called to jury service. His warm heart is attracted to the defendant, a beautiful young woman accused of murder, and he is primarily responsible for winning her acquittal. When, later, she finds difficulty obtaining a job, he moves her into his own shop as his assistant, and brings her home to his wife and family.

Rita Hayworth and Brian Ahrene in 'Lady In Question' at Excelsior.

SUNDAY SHOW AT REGAL

On Sunday morning at 10-30 "I'll Take Romance" with Grace Moore and Melvyn Douglas will be screened at the Regal.

'LAUGH IT OFF' AT NEW EMPIRE

A Comedy Of Recruits New To Army Life

How a professional musician, who has turned a soldier, ultimately makes way by his musical talent with an irate Colonel, who becomes his father-in-law as a result, has been very happily told in this film at New Empire. It is a beautiful comedy on the background of Army life.

Jean Colin and Tommy Trinder in 'Laugh It Off' at New Empire.

"20 Mule Team" At Broadway

"20 Mule Team" featuring Wallace Beery, Lio Carrillo and Marjorie Rambau will be shown at Broadway during the week from to-morrow.

"DOWN ARGENTINE WAY" FOR 2ND WEEK AT CAPITOL

Filled with the gay and glamorous lure of the Argentine and breath-taking dances and music, "Down Argentine Way" stays on at the Capitol for a second week.

Produced in Technicolour by 20th Century-Fox, this musical extravaganza has a cast headed by Don Ameche, Betty Grable and Carmen Miranda.

SUNDAY SHOW AT CAPITOL

On Sunday morning at 10-30 "Down Argentine Way" starring Don Ameche, Betty Grable and Carmen Miranda will be shown at the Capitol.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

I have read with great care the report of the speeches made in Madras at the meeting of the Muslim League. Here, for instance, is what I read: "Mr. Hanan Isphani of Calcutta said that Europe was in the midst of a gigantic up-heaval. The sound of beating drums was being heard from the Far East and war was at their door. In such cases of emergency, democracy was not of much use. We want one Admiral and none is better fitted to hold the post than Mr. Mahomedali Jinnah".'

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Mr. Isphani should have written the script of Charlie Chaplin's "Great Dictator".

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Frankly I prefer the Calcutta League. At least it arranges a few good football matches.

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Somewhere else, during the same meeting, Mr. Yusuf Haroon is reported to have said: "Our election slogan is going to be Pakistan or death". May the League rest in peace.

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I hear that the latest Winchellism (I refer, of course, to the genuine article) is "to rust on one's laurels". God, how that can go home to someone you want to tell politely: "You're a shadow of your former self", or "Your best days are over".

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I saw a circular the other day from the Y. W. C. A. informing me that they had organised all the available labour and talent for employment in the shape of typists, shorthand and otherwise, secretaries, etc. This is a first class idea. I only wish there was a general Employment Bureau, which could do this for the whole host of young men and women, who have to go haphazardly in search of work.

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Also at the Y. W. C. A., (Mayo Road) there is to be a Dramatic Competition by the East and West Club, similar to the one held last year. The date fixed for it is April 23rd (6 p.m.) and they are looking this time for group entries. The admission is by passes, which can be obtained from "the Secretary of the Club or at the door." Which door?

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And now to what I regard as the most touching document I have seen or read for quite sometime. It is the letter which Thomas Mann wrote to the Dean of the Faculty of the University of Bonn. This letter is to be published in D. F. Karaka's "Passing Show" in the forthcoming issue of the "Sunday Chronicle". If you are the sort of person who likes to read the stuff I rave about now and again in this Half-Column, I shouldn't miss Thomas Mann's letter.

LEAGUE MEMBERS ARRESTED

JUBBULPORE, April 17.

Muslims here observed a partial hartal yesterday as a protest against the arrest of certain members of the Muslim League on the charge, it is alleged, of participating in the communal riots which occurred in Jubbulpore in February.

The authorities have posted reserved police at strategic points in the city to prevent a breach of the peace.

The Muslims also held a public meeting at which speakers criticized the action of the authorities in arresting members of the League.—A. P.

Governor Gives Assent To Bill To Survey Jagiri Lands

KARACHI, April 17.

The Bill to survey jagiri lands in the province adopted by the Sind Assembly in its last session has now received the assent of the Governor.

Under this Bill, the Sind Government will bear half the cost of survey of these jagiri lands and the measure is designed to prevent leakage in the revenues amounting to three lakhs.—A. P.

LAHORE, April 16.

Gandhiji has approved the fourth list of 250 Satyagrahis from the Punjab. They will be offering Satyagraha before the end of May next.—United Press.

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MUTT AND JEFF—After This They Should Close All the Night Clubs — By BUD FISHER

I WANT TO BUY SOMETHIN' DIFFERENT FER MY HUSBAND! EVERY YEAR I BUYS HIM A SET OF LONG UNDERWEAR!
WELL-ER, HOW ABOUT A NICE SUIT OF PYJAMAS?
PYJAMAS? WHAT'S PYJAMAS?
THOSE ARE NIGHT CLOTHES! WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY HIM A SUIT!
I SHOULD SAY NOT! HE AIN'T NO SOCIAL BOUNDER!
WHEN NIGHT TIME COMES HE GOES T' BED!

Hunger-Strike In Alipuram Jail

Sympathy With Fellow Prisoners In Vellore Jail

MADRAS, April 17.

IN SYMPATHY WITH THE HUNGER-STRIKERS IN THE VELLORE CENTRAL JAIL, 170 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ALIPURAM JAIL ARE REPORTED TO BE FASTING SINCE FRIDAY LAST, ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN THE 'HINDU'.

MR. B. BHIMA RAO, M.L.C. THE REPORT ADDS, HAS SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS URGING THEM TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION AND SET UP AN INDEPENDENT ENQUIRY IN THIS CONNECTION.—A. P.

28 MADRAS CONGRESSMEN SENT TO JAIL.

MADRAS, April 17.

Twenty-eight Congress workers including a woman were convicted to-day by the Chief Presidency Magistrate under the Defence of India Rules for offering Satyagraha by shouting anti-war slogans in different parts of the city, of them Messrs. P. S. Mani, R. Venugopal, M. M. Krishnan and G. Ranganathan who were released from the jail recently were each sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

The remaining 24 Satyagrahis including the women were sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment each. All were placed in "C" class.

SENTENCE OF ATRI DEVI REDUCED.

LAHORE, April 17.

On an 'amicus curiae' application filed by the Lahore High Court Bar Association Mr. Justice Skemp reduced to six months the sentence of eighteen months' simple imprisonment passed against Atri Devi, a woman worker of the Forward Bloc, Delhi. She had been convicted under the Defence of India Rules on a charge of reciting poems at two public meetings held under the auspices of the Forward Bloc and had been sentenced to eighteen months and six months' simple imprisonment respectively under each of the two counts, the sentences to run concurrently.

His Lordship did not agree with the view expressed by the convicting Magistrate that the sentence of eighteen months was a lenient one and observed that he would have reduced the sentence to the term already undergone but as the accused had repeated the offence, he reduced it to six months.—A. P.

RED SHIRT SATYAGRAHIS BUSY.

PESHAWAR, April 17.

Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, along with a band of Red Shirt 'Satyagrahis', has completed a campaign of scavenging and cleaning in bout 20 villages in Kohat District, and is now touring Bannu District on a similar mission, and also as a guide to the 'Satyagrahis'.—United Press.

LADY SATYAGRAHIS OF DELHI.

NEW DELHI, April 17.

Seven Congress workers including two ladies were sentenced today to one year's rigorous imprisonment and another to nine months. These included Mr Jugal Kishore Khanna, Advocate, Shrimatis Sadeshwari Devi, Krishnavati, Messrs. Baijnath Gupta, M. L. Prashar, Nanenath, Sobhachand and Malawaram. Mr. Khanna and Mr. Gupta and Shrimati Sadeshwari Devi were placed in the 'B' class and the rest in the 'C' class.

All these convictions relate to the 'Satyagraha' campaign.—United Press.

BIHAR CONGRESS WORKERS IN CONFERENCE.

PATNA, April 17.

The progress of the Satyagrana activities in Bihar was reviewed by the Working Committee of the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee which met here to-day the Presidentship of Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

The Committee is understood to have drawn up a comprehensive constructive programme for the non-Satyagrahi Congressmen, which will be issued to the District Congress Committee in the form of a circular letter. A monthly report on the progress of this constructive programme is to be sent to the Provincial Congress headquarters by the District bodies.

The Committee which is meeting against in the evening will consider the question of the resignation of Congressmen from local bodies.—A. P.

KISAN WORKERS SENT TO JAIL.

SYLHET, ppril 17.

Lala Saradindu Dey, Secretary of the Surma Valley Kishan Samity, Chittaranjan Das, a Congress Socialist worker and Rohini Kumar Das, a Kisan and Congress worker of Sylhet, have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment each under the Defence of India rules, for having published a leaflet entitled "beware of Kisan".—A. P.

TO-DAY'S SATYAGRAHA BATCH

N. M. Y. Ansari And N Ranga Rao Write To Police Chief

BOMBAY, Thursday.

It is understood that Mr. Nuruddin Mohomed Yusuf Ansari and Mr. N. Ranga Rao, two Congressmen from Bombay, have intimated to the Commissioner of Police, their intention to offer Satyagraha on Friday.

Mr. Ansari intends to shout slogans in front of the Azad Muslim Party's office, Madanpura, at 6 p. m. while Mr. Ranga Rao is likely to do the same at Jambori Maidan, Worli, at 4-30 p. m.

The next batch of Satyagrahis, consisting of three Congressmen, are likely to offer Satyagraha on Tuesday next.

PURULIA MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS RESIGN.

PURULIA, April 17.

All the councillors of the Purulia Municipality who were elected on the Congress ticket, including the President, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, tendered their resignations which were accepted at a special meeting of the Municipality held yesterday. Mr. Girishchandra Majumdar was elected as vice-Chairman to carry on the administration of the Municipality till arrangements for proper administration were made.

Of the sixteen elected members of the Municipality fifteen belonged to the Congress Party.—United Press.

THIRD "DICTATOR" OF BENARES ARRESTED.

BENARES, April 16.

Mr. Lakshmichand Chaudhury, a prominent Congress worker and the third 'dictator' of the District Congress Committee, who had given notice to the District Magistrate, was arrested this evening on his way to offer Satyagraha at Shahababad and was taken to the District Jail.—A. P.

Vidyapith Student Arrested

BENARES, April 16.

Kunjan Warrier, a student of the Kashi Vidyapith from South India, was arrested on April 14 under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

ARRESTS AT JHANSI

JHANSI, April 16.

Mr. Rajendrasingh and Mr. Prakashchandra Gupta of Moth, Mr. Sunnelal Vaid of Chirgaon, and Mr. Narain Das Khore of Tikamgarh State were arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules.

Shyamlal Sharma, Rajaram, Sitram, Govindass, Ramkishore and Deviprasad, who were arrested for offering Satyagraha were released on their furnishing personal securities for good behaviour.—A. P.

First Jubbulpore Muslim Satyagrahi Convicted

JUBBULPORE, April 17.

Mr. Saiyed Yasinali, the first Muslim Satyagrahi to be arrested from the Jubbulpore District on charges of offering Satyagraha was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs 50 by Mr. A. W. Khan, First Class Magistrate. Mr. Yasinali pleaded not guilty.

At Narsinghpur Mr. Kundanlal Patel and Mrs. Rajabnalya were fined Rs. 60 each.—A. P.

Mr. Nirmal Released

NAGPUR, April 17.

Mr. Brahma Dutt Rai Nirmal, the second 'Satyagrahi' chosen by Mahatma Gandhi, who was arrested on November 6 last while on an one-thousand-mile trek and sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment, was released at 10 this morning from the Nagpur Jail, after serving his term of sentence.

Mr. Nirmal proceeds to Wardha to-day and leaves for Moga, Punjab, on April 19, to see his ailing son.—United Press.

SHEPHERD SUSPECTS RELEASED ON BAIL

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, April 17.

Rajkot State Magistrate passed orders to-day to release on bail or Rs. 500 each, to all ten shepherd who are accused of beating a Sindhi. Seven of them furnished bail to-day, while the others will furnish it to-morrow. Pleader Kundlia appeared for accused.

Central Commercial Museum For India

KARACHI, April 17.

A proposal for the establishment of commercial Museums at various central places throughout India with a view to aiding the marketing of products of national interest is engaging the attention of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

The Chamber has invited opinions of their member bodies on the subject.

The Karachi Indian Merchants Association strongly supporting the proposal urge the immediate opening of such a Museum at Delhi in the first place, adding that the expenses should be met by the Government of India from general revenue.—A. P.

Provincial Scientific Research Committee

PATNA, April 17.

The constitution of a Provincial Scientific and Industrial Research Committee of seven with Sir Sultan Ahmed as Chairman and the Director of Industries as Secretary is announced in a Government resolution.

The function of the Committee will be to bring to the notice of the Central Board of Scientific and Industrial Research problems that may arise or be proposed in its area with suggestions for investigations at laboratories.

It will also advise the Provincial Government on matters that arise out of the proceedings of the Central Board that are referred to it and make suggestions for further researches.—A. P.

MADRAS CONGRESSMEN WANT TO GO TO CORPORATION AGAIN.

MADRAS, April 17.

In view of the recent happenings in the Madras Corporation, a strong representation was made to Mahatma Gandhi that the resigned Congress councillors should be permitted to stand for re-election on the Congress ticket.

It is understood that Mahatma Gandhi while prepared to consider the request has called for information regarding the views of local Congressmen.—A. P.

NAWABZADA MAZHARALI RELEASED.

LAHORE, April 17.

Nawabzada Mazharali, son of Nawab Muzaffar Khan, a prominent member of the Unionist Party, who along with his brother had been detained in the Lahore Central Jail, under Rule 126 of the Defence of India Rules, since December 8, 1940 was released to-day.—A. P.

HYDERABAD (Dn.)—In an impressive "Ziarat" ceremony held this morning at the Mecca Masjid in the heart of the city in connection with the death of Aulia Hazrat Badi Begum Sahiba, 15,000 people recited the Holy Quoran to bless the soul of the departed.

BRAHMADATTA RELEASED.

NAGPUR, April 17.

Brahmadutt, Mahatma Gandhi's second Satyagrahi who was sentenced on November 8, to six months' rigorous imprisonment was released from Nagpur Central Jail this morning and proceeded to Wardha to see Mahatma Gandhi.—A. P.

RAMKRISHNA BAJAJ ARRESTED AGAIN.

WARDHAGANJ, April 17.

Mr. Ramkrishna Bajaj, son of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, who was arrested and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 100 yesterday, again offered 'Satyagraha' this morning in Gandhi Chowk and proceeded towards Satoda village, four miles from here. He was however arrested at Nalwadi, two miles from Wardha and brought to Wardha Jail.

Immediately after his discharge yesterday from the court after paying the fine imposed on him, Mr. Bajaj saw Mahatma Gandhi who, it is stated, advised him to offer 'Satyagraha' to-day.—United Press.

ARREST AT KARELI.

(From Our Correspondent.)

BROACH, April 16.

Sjt. Motibhai Gordhanbhai who was to offer Satyagraha yesterday at Kareli was arrested before doing so, under Sec. 129 (A) of the Defence of India Act. He was removed to Sabarmati via Masar Road.

So far 92 Satyagrahis have gone to jail from the District.

INDIAN BUSINESS LOOKS TO AUSTRALIA

Heavy Demand In Empire Countries For Empire Goods

NEW DELHI, April 17.

The complete cessation of imports from countries occupied by Germany is turning the attention of Indian firms to Australia in so far as new sources of supply are concerned, according to the first report of the Australian Trade Commissioner in India. Enquiries cover the whole range of manufactured goods. Canned goods are frequently asked for and introductions for a number of Australian manufactures with merchants desiring these goods have been arranged.

There is a heavy demand for plywood for tea chests, but freight and other charges from Australia make Australian prices higher than for the same product from Canada or China.

Many requests have been received by the Australian Trade Commissioner for bobbins for jute and cotton textile mills. Tenders for large quantities of wooden tool handles have been called for by the Indian Stores Department and the Indian Railways. As the manufacture of these could be undertaken together with bobbins the possibilities for developing a trade with India, says the Trade Commissioner, should be promising.

Among the range of commodity enquiries there have been requests for canned goods, automobile accessories, hardware, machinery and tools, plywood, glassware, tallow, beer, wine and spirits, confectionery, and electrical apparatus and supplies.—United Press

EXPLOSION IN HITLER'S LARDER

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German propaganda factory was working overnight to meet this emergency situation and to get the documents out.

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Yugoslavia is resisting Germany, and Hitler will find to his cost that these people are not cowards, and that the flag of freedom which they raise against him, will attract the active support of many other free peoples besides, and, provided that the blockade of raw materials and foodstuffs into German Europe is rigorously enforced, the step which he has taken to disturb the tranquillity of the Balkans is bound to bring disasters in his path.

For it is not only to the Balkans that we need to look. There is a shadow which hangs over Hitler's army wherever it goes, the shadow of shortages to come. The blockade of Europe to-day is the most deadly antagonist which Hitler has to face, and one he must beat before he can realise his victory.

The blockade, and the British Navy which enforces it, are a mighty power in league with every European man and woman who won't in their hearts consent to enslavement; and those politicians who seek in their private interests to encourage and obtain some relaxation of the blockade, are working in fact to be paraded in different line. Those politicians will one day find that, when the people come to realise how their leaders have worked in with their enemies, they will take, their cue from the Yugoslavian people, and throw them out of office.

Supplies which reach France release supplies to Germany. Germany's tanks can ride roughshod into the growing corn in Yugoslavia without harm or hazard to Germany, provided that wheat ships from overseas make good the loss. When those clever people in France come to realise how the blockade is hurting Germany, and how it is helping to shorten the war and stop disorder, they will surely have something to say on that subject to the men of Vichy.

They will discover that it is not the venerable figurehead on the prow of the vessel which guides the course of the ship, but its crew that sees it steadfastly through the waves, while it is the man at the helm who really rules their destiny, and steers their ship throughout the dangerous, unchartered waters out of which there may be no return.

DR. SUBBAROYAN TO BE RELEASED IN MAY.

MADRAS, April 17.

Dr. P. Subbaroyan, who is undergoing imprisonment in the Trichinopoly Jail in connection with the Satyagraha movement is expected to be released in the first week of May on the expiry of the period of his sentence. Dr. Subbaroyan is reported to be quite well and fit.

VINCENT MASSEY SCHOLARSHIP

CALCUTTA, April 17.

It is learnt that on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, His Excellency the Viceroy has awarded the Vincent Massey Scholarship for the 1941/42 to Dr. Jaswant Rai Gadcock of the Lucknow University, for study of Pathology and Bacteriology.

The scholarship, which is worth 2,000 dollars, was established by Mr. Vincent Massey of Canada about ten years ago for post-graduates study in the Toronto University.—A. P.

AGRICULTURAL INCOME-TAX ACT

PATNA, April 17.

The Bihar Agricultural Income-Tax Act of 1938 was declared valid and within the bounds of the Provincial Legislature by a full bench of the Patna High Court consisting of the Chief Justice, Sir Fazle Ali and Mr. Justice Manohar Lal to-day.

The case arose out of a suit transferred from a subordinate court and its validity was questioned by Mr. P. R. Das and Sir Sultan Ahmad on behalf of the landlord. Mr. Baldev Sahai, Advocate General, replied on behalf of the Government.

Delivering judgment their lordships held that the Bihar Agricultural Income-Tax Act did not affect the permanent settlements and did not go beyond the scope of the provincial Government under the present constitution.

The judgment was unanimous and delivered separately.

Their Lordships granted permission to the assessors to move the Federal Court for appeal, if they so desired as in the opinion of their lordships, it involved an important point of law.

The Act was passed during the regime of the Congress Ministry and laid down that incomes of five thousand rupees and above accruing out of agricultural lands be assessed according to certain percentage.—A. P.

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America To Guard Embassy In London

Officer And 35 Marines To Be Sent For Purpose

WASHINGTON, April 17.

COLONEL KNOX, NAVAL-SECRETARY, ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT THE UNITED STATES NAVY IS PREPARING TO SEND ONE OFFICER AND 35 MARINES TO LONDON TO GUARD THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY.

UNITED STATES MARINES GUARDED THE LONDON EMBASSY IN THE LAST WAR.

British Warships To Be Repaired First

British warships brought to the United States for repairs are given priority over everything else in the navy yards, declared Col. Knox, Secretary for the Navy, to a press conference to-day.

This would inevitably affect the navy's own shipbuilding programme, but he hoped the Two Ocean Navy would not be delayed as a result.

Col. Knox said the British battleship "Malaya", which recently arrived in New York, was only the first of a large number of vessels expected to enter United States harbours for repairs.

While saying that it would be highly improper to discuss the possibility of United States navy convoying forces to Greenland, Col. Knox hinted that the Navy had such plans in mind by declaring that "every well-run Navy tries to have plans for every contingency and this is such a contingency."

Wage Dispute In Coal Mines Settled

Most of the closed soft coal mines in the United States will reopen soon following an announcement that the United Mine Workers, the Congress of Industrial Organisations and the Northern Appalachian Coal Operators had reached an agreement in the dispute over wages.

40 Million Loan Granted To Tobacconists

Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, announced that a 40 million dollar loan was granted to Messrs. Brown and Williamson, a tobacco corporation, "in line with the policy of the United States Government to require liquidation of British-owned American investments for the purpose of providing funds for the purchase of supplies in this country.

Messrs. Brown and Williamson will use 15 million dollars to liquidate domestic indebtedness and turn over the remainder to their parent company, the British American Tobacco Company, which in turn will hand this sum to the British Government to pay for purchases of war materials.

AUSTRALIA'S MUNITION PROGRAMME REACHING ITS PEAK

MELBOURNE, April 17.

Senator McBride, Australian Minister for Supply, stated on Wednesday, that Australia's munition programme was moving to its peak and Government was planning for double the number of technical trainees.

Extra small arms and munition factories in Western Australia and Tasmania were expected soon to employ 500 men each in order to expand supplies to the Australian forces and the Eastern Group of the Empire countries, he added. —Reuter.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah addressing the delegates to te Muslim League Session at Madras.

NAZIS WIPE OUT CATHOLIC INSTITUTIONS

Vatican Radio Condemns Activities

LONDON, April 17.

Anti-Catholic activities of Nazi Germany were condemned tonight by the Vatican radio, which says, "Since 1939 the Catholic Church in Germany lost all its schools, ecclesiastical organisations and newspapers except for a few weeklies which are unable to answer Nazi attacks on the Catholic religion.

Everything is being done to eliminate Catholic teachers from the Nationalist system.

Under a decree just issued all wishing to enter holy orders had first to join the labour camp from where they could not get away without permission.

This will be the end of religion in Germany", the announcer commented.

Genie In The Bottle

Women To Join National Service In Thousands

Britain's War Effort Receiving Greater Momentum

LONDON, April 17.

Britain's enormous war effort is achieving yet greater momentum.

On Saturday next many more thousands of young women will register under the Ministry of Labour for national service. Most of them will be called upon quickly to take their places in the ranks of the nursing services or the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and similar services, where they will act as cooks, orderlies, motor drivers and radio operators.

Many thousands of more robust girls will find their province in Britain's land army. Women with young children or heavy household duties will not be called upon to desert their domestic responsibilities.

Many thousands of men between the ages of 41 and 43 who registered for war work a fortnight ago are expected to be absorbed into essential war jobs before the end of the month.

All men of these ages at present engaged upon tasks will be required to change their occupations.—Reuter.

MILITARY TRAINING FOR KASHMIR STUDENTS

JAMMU, April 16.

That the Kashmir Government was seriously considering the question of introducing military training in schools and colleges in the State was disclosed by Khan Bahadur Raja Mohammad Afzal Khan, the Home Minister, speaking on a resolution moved in the Praja Sabha to-day.—United Press.

TRUST YUGOSLAVIA AND MY SON

Queen Marie Praises Bold Step Of King Peter To Fight

LONDON, April 16.

"HAVE FAITH IN YUGOSLAVIA AND IN MY SON AND ALL WILL BE WELL IN THE END:" THIS WAS THE MESSAGE WHICH QUEEN MARIE OF YUGOSLAVIA GAVE TO "REUTER" WHEN INTERVIEWED TO-DAY IN HER 13TH CENTURY COUNTRY COTTAGE.

The Queen declared that King Peter took the decision to fight rather than surrender without consulting her, but his decision was not unexpected to her, seeing that he always placed his country's interests before everything. The Queen who was lying on a couch wrapped up in a rug said how sorry she was that illness had prevented her being at her son's side, and sharing his hardships, while their country was fighting for its life. She had been a little worried when for a week she received no news from King Peter, but after Belgrade was bombed, she had heard that he was safe and well.—Reuter.

2 Mexican Towns Wiped Out

250 Killed In Earthquake Havoc: Rescue Work In Progress

MEXICO CITY, April 17.

Over 250 people were killed in an earthquake. The towns of Tecatelan and Tuxpan in Jalisco State are reported to have been wiped out.

The Governor of Colima says that 75 per cent of the city's houses have been either damaged or destroyed.

Squadrons of the Mexican Air Force are leaving Mexico City hourly with relief and supplies. All the navy's coast-guard vessels in the Pacific are speeding to Colima to assist in the rescue work.

The epicentre of the earthquake, which shattered Western Mexico, is believed to have been somewhere at sea.—Reuter.

Major Nawabzada Fakhrulmulk donated a lakh of rupees to the Aligarh Muslim University.

"HITLER'S TOOLS" IN AMERICA

LONDON, April 14.

The "Daily Mail's" New York Correspondent cabled on April 13:

Colonel Lindbergh, Henry Ford and General Robert Wood, Chairman of the "America First" Committee, were denounced as Hitler's tools by Mr. Harold Ickes, President Roosevelt's Secretary for the Interior, in a speech at Chicago.

"They serve Hitler to a better purpose than those in his actual pay," said Mr. Ickes. He described Lindbergh as No. 1 United States Nazi fellow traveller whose every act and word proves that he wants Germany to win."

Negotiable Instruments Act Not Relevant To Issue

Federal Court Refuses Leave To Appeal To Privy Council In Case Regarding Scaling Down Of Debt

NEW DELHI, April 17.

THE FEDERAI COURT, TO-DAY, DISMISSED THE APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO HIS MAJESTY IN COUNCIL FROM A JUDGMENT OF THE FEDERAL COURT LAST YEAR IN THE CASE OF SUBRAMANYAM CHETTIYAR VERSUS MUTHUSWAMI GOUNDAN, ALIAS AVANASHI GOUNDAN.

The main question involved in affect the future. That was one the case before the Federal Court of the reasons why special leave last year was whether the Madras was not granted. The same thing Agriculturists Relief Act affected may be said in the present case. the Negotiable Instruments Act, In the circumstances this applicwhich is within the exclusive cation must be dismissed.

competence of the Central Legislature.

The Federal Court by a majority held that the Negotiable Instruments Act was quite irrelevant to the case, because the scaling down of debt under the Madras Act was for a decree obtained before the Madras Act came into force. The majority, therefore, held that the original debt had merged in the decree and no question of negotiable instrument arose.

JUDGMENT

In dismissing petition for appeal, the Court observed, the case was one in which the appellant had sued the respondent for the amount of principal and interest originally due under a promissory note. He had obtained a decree for the amount and after the decree had been obtained, the Madras Agriculturists Relief Act became law. That Act gave debtors the privilege of having their debts drastically scaled down, and among its provisions section 19 enabled courts to apply the provisions of the Act to a decree for payment of a debt obtained against an agriculturist before the commencement of the Act.

This Court when the case came before them heard arguments on a variety of questions including the question whether the Madras Act affected the Negotiable Instruments Act, which was within the exclusive competence of the Central Legislature. The majority of the Court held that the Negotiable Instruments Act was quite irrelevant for the purposes of the present case, because scaling down was of a decree obtained before the Madras Act came into force. They held that the original debt had merged in the decree and no question of negotiable instrument arose.

NOT LAYING DOWN RULES

In these circumstances the appellant asks for leave to appeal to the Judicial Committee.

This court is not going to lay down any body of rules which it will take for its guidance in granting or withholding leave. It will deal with each case on its merits as it comes before it. But it will not be disposed to grant leave to appeal save in cases of real importance. Cases which are likely to affect a large number of interests hereafter, cases in which difficult questions are involved. In the present case, the decision turned exclusively on section 19 of the Madras Act. Those provisions which enabled decrees obtained before the Act to be scaled down. The number of such decrees must necessarily be limited, and as section 19 was confined to decrees obtained before the Act came into force, so the same question can never arise in future. The majority of the court declined to enter into any of the other questions raised. The amount in dispute appears on figures which were given to us not to exceed Rs. 3,000 or Rs. 4,000 at the outside. That seems another reason why we should not grant leave to appeal in this case.

LORD MAUGHAM QUOTED.

In a case which was before us last year, we had refused leave to appeal to His Majesty in Council. The applicant went to the Judicial Committee and asked for special leave to appeal and the Judicial Committee refused to grant him leave and Lord Maugham in the course of his argument observed that the particular point at issue in that case was not one which was going to affect the future. That was one of the reasons why special leave was not granted. The same thing may be said in the present case. In the circumstances this application must be dismissed.

Mr. Mohammed Taqi, with Sardar Raghubir Singh appeared for the appellant. The respondent was not represented.—A. P.

LEAVE REFUSED IN U. P. CASE ALSO

The Federal Court also dismissed a petition for leave to appeal to His Majesty in Council from the Federal Court's Judgment of last year in the United Provinces Government versus Atiya Begum and others, in which it had been held that the United Provinces Regularisation of Remissions Act of 1938 was within the competence of the United Provinces Legislature.

In dismissing the petition, the Federal Court pointed out that the operation of the U. P. Act was only temporary, as it sought to regularise certain remissions of rent which according to the opinion of the High Court in another case were granted in violation of certain provisions of the then existing Rent Act. Those sections of the Rent Act had themselves been repealed by another act and the question was hardly likely to arise in the same form in respect of claims for rent for future years, Claims to rent accrued prior to 1938 could hardly be enforced in any future litigation as nearly three years had elapsed. The court held, that it could not be said that any decision which could be obtained from Their Lordships of the Privy Council if this appeal was permitted to go to them was likely to have any material value with regard to future litigation and that in that sense the question was of general public importance.

ALLAHABAD INTERPRETATION.

Earlier the Federal Court observed, it is no doubt true that the learned judges of the Allahabad High Court interpretted section 292 of the Government of India Act as depriving Indian legislatures of power to pass legislation with retrospective effect; but with all deference to them, this court is unable to hold that there is room for such serious doubt on the point, as to justify it in holding that that is a substantial question on which leave to appeal to His Majesty in Council can be granted. As observed by the Judicial Committee, this court when dealing with an application of this kind must be satisfied that the matter is one of importance, and there is a real and substantial question to be determined.

After giving the most anxious consideration to the point, this court concluded that Section 292 of the Constitution Act did not reasonably bear the construction sought to be put upon it by the Allahabad High Court.

As regards the magnitude of the case, it is of very little importance from the point of view of its pecuniary value. The amount involved in the litigation is very small, and in the special circumstances in which the case came before this court, it did not interfere with the decree of the Allahabad High Court.

Mr. S. P. Sinha with Mr. L. Saran appeared for the petitioners and Dr. Asthana, Advocate General, United Provinces, with Mr. Srinarayan Sahai opposed the petition.—A. P.

PESHAWAR.— The mysterious theft of several costly hand-spun silk saries is reported to have been committed in the Awsa Khadi Bhandar in the Cantonment.

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day

OUT OF FRYING PAN— BANANA BOAT MYSTERY

STRUGGLING IN THE CISTERN WHERE KEENO HAS THROWN HIM TO DROWN, CHARLIE OPENS THE VALVE THAT DRAINS THE WATER...
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